# Daily Devotions:

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### CHRISTIAN's

MORNING and EVENING

# SACRIFICE.

Digested into PRAYERS and MEDI-TATIONS for every Day in the Week, and other Occasions.

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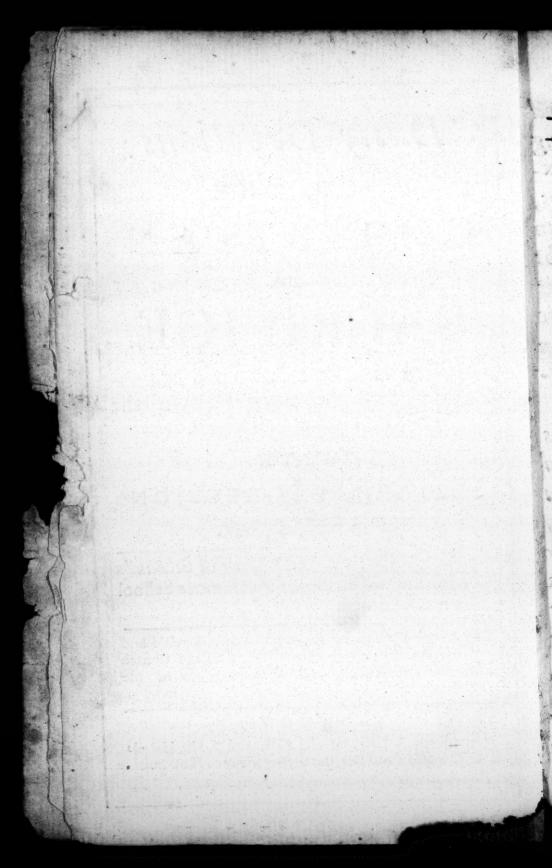
Some SHORT DIRECTIONS
For a Godly Life.

By JOHN COLET, D.D. Dean of St. Paul's London, and Founder of that famous School near adjoining.

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# LIFE

Of that REVEREND DIVINE,

## Doctor COLET,

Sometime Dean of St. Paul's.

JOHN COLET, Son of Sir Henry Colet, Mercer, and twice Lord Mayor of London, was the only surviving Child his Parents had of Two and Twenty. Thus God, though He breaks the Ring, left them the Diamond, in preserving him alive.

In his Youth he visited Foreign Parts, and the scattered Perfections

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of several Nations he collected and distilled into himself: returning home, in Oxford he publickly expounded all Saint Paul's Epistles, with no less Prosit to others than Applause to himself. He taught the Learned there to heat their Swords into Mattocks, and their Spears into Pruning-hooks; to turn Disputes into Doctrines, Controver-

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fies into positive Divinity.

Then began the Beams of his Worth to shine in the Court, and King HENRY the Seventh (a knowing Prince, who generally grounded his Favour on Desert) for his well expounding Saint Paul's Epistles, made him Dean of Saint Paul's in London. Here Colet read his former Lectures over again, preferring rather to set on the Table, wholesome cold Meat, which had been there once before, than to feed his

Doctor COLET. iii his Auditors with Flesh half raw,

though hot from the Spit.

But Day shall as soon be without Night, as a grand Merit without Envy attending it. Some accused him as not thorow-paced in his Religion; and confining on Heresie in some Opinions, as denying due Reverence to Images and Saints, &c.

But as our Colet preferred the immediate going to God before Mediation of Saints, so God gave him the Happiness to have direct access to his earthly King, without applying himself to the Favour of Courtiers. King Henry the Eighth had the hearing of his Cause, and dismissed him with this worthy Testimony: Let other Menchuse what Doctor they please, this Man shall be my Doctor.

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He was (as I may say) a Luther before Luther, for his Doctrine:
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An USEFUL DIRECTION in order to a good Christian Life, very worthy to be attended to by all People; with Sundry excellent Precepts to be followed: By that Worthy and Learned Divine, Dr. Colet, Sometime Dean of St. Paul's.

Reader) that it is a fingular piece of Wisdom and great Perfection, to know, and to despise thy self; thou must know that thou hast nothing that is good of thy self, but all comes from God: For the Gists of Nature, and all other temporal Enjoyments in this World, which be lawfully and justly obtained, come to thee only by the infinite Goodness and Grace of God, and not from thy self. Wherefore it is especially necessary for thee to know, that God of his great Grace hath made thee his A 4 Image,

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Image, in regard to thy Memory, Understanding and Will, and that God is thy Maker, and thou his wretched Creature; and that thou art redeemed of God by the Passion of Jesus Christ, who is thy Advocate, thy Refuge, and thy Deliverer from all Evil; and to consider and know the admirable Order which God of his infinite Wisdom hath appointed in the Use of these his Bleslings; that thou shouldst have the temporal Goods of this World for the Necessity of the Body, the Body and fenfual Appetites to be ordered by the Soul, the Soul to be ordered by Reason, and Grace to know thy Duty to God, and to thy Neighbour. And accordingly thou mayest rest assured, that if thou keep this convenient Order towards God and his Creatures, they shall keep their Order towards thee: But if thou break thy Order towards them, they will be in great Danger of doing the like towards thee. For how should thy Wife, Children, Servants, and other Creatures, be expected to obferve their Duty towards thee, if thou dost not observe thine towards God and them? And also think of a Certainty, that n-

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that if thy fenfual Appetite be not governed by Reason and Grace, thou art worse than a Beast; for thou then livest out of Order, and so doth not a Beaft; which is a great Shame and Reproach to thee, being a reasonable Creature, and without the great Mercy of God, will prove thine eternal Destruction. Wherefore, I say, consider what thy Sin is, in the Ignorance of God, of thy felf, and of thy great Guilt, and of his infinite Holinefs; and lay ferioufly to heart thine own Impenitency in this, that thou makeft too light account of God's Justice, and therefore thy Heart waxeth hard; it is fadly defective as to Faith towards God, or Love towards thy Neighbour; fo that thou likest and lovest Sin, and hast no Grief nor Hatred for it. Examine further, whether thou haft not negledted God's Word, either in not diligent hearing of it preached or read, or when thou hast heard it, in not regarding it: Nay, whether thou haft not taken more Delight in things that will not profit, favouring altogether of the Flesh, such as thou shouldst be afraid once to think num englise not A 5

of, as becomes thy holy Profession, and whether thou hast not rebelled against the Holy Spirit, and withstood its Motions in order to the mortifying the O.d Man in thee, and changing it, and purifying thy Soul daily, till it be fitted for God's most holy Will. And if thou shalt find these things in thee, then judge and own thy felf a guilty vile Sinner, that thou be not judged of the Lord; for it is a fearful thing to fall into the Hands of the living God. Moreover, judge thy felf for not distinguishing betwixt God's Will and thine own Corruptions, through which thou haft negleded God's Will, and been brought into Subjection to thine own, to fly from him, and follow thine, as has been too manifest, when his was plainly taught to be contrary to thine, and yet thou didft prefer thine own before it. And therefore judge thy felf as to this intolerable Pride of Mind and Stubbornness of Heart, and those unbridled Affections rebelling and murmuring against God, and misjudging of him that reprove th thee. Further, fee whether thou haft judged thy felf for Neglect of Prayer, when perhaps thou haft

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haft omitted it for many Days together, and as a profane Person, hast not once minded thy Duty therein, or when thou hast prayed, haft done it flightly, and without Attention, without Faith or true Repentance, in such Coldness and Distraction, that there hath been no Life nor Comfort in it: Judge thy felf, whether in Prayer thou hast practised the Exercises of a broken Heart healed in Christ, and changed into Righteousness: Whether the just Meditation of God's Goodness moveth thee to offer the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and worketh in thee the Love thereof, that thou mightest be stirred up to love him, and to walk in that Obedience that he requires of thee. And because the abusing of God's Creatures is a great Sin, examine thy felf, whether thou doft misuse them in Forgerfulness of God, in Pride of Life, and Dependance upon the Creature more than the Creator; endeavouring by the Abuse of them to set forth thy self in Pride, to please thy self and the fleshly Eyes of others, rather than in Humility. to use them to the pleasing and praising Almighty God the Creator: In the Use of

of all which things, the Love of God, which appeareth unto thee, should have provoked thee to a continual Meditation, to make thee fpy out Sin in thy felf, and judge that to be Sin, which is Sin indeed, and in no wife to extenuate it, or to endeavour to cover it with the Figleaves of thine own vain Excuses, but to lay it open before the Lord, nakedly and plainly as it is; fo that thou call not Sin Righteousness, nor Righteousness Sin; Good Evil, nor Evil Good; but condemn that which thou knowest to be Sin, and abhor it and flee from it without any Hypocrify and cloaking of it with Self-love, or any way cherishing or palliating it; or prefuming contemptuously and obstinately to dwell in it; and therefore thou must examine this Sin thoroughly, of not applying thy Heart and Mind to meditate and understand, to believe and tafte of the Work of thy Salvation wrought by Christ erucified; whence it comes to pass, that thou walkest in Security, wanting Faith, and yet not feeling thy Want; wanting the Food of Life, and the Taste of God, and yet not hun-gring after it; but thinkest thy self full when

when thou art empty, and nevertheless art empty and poor indeed, and regardest not to beg it at God's Hands, the Supplyer thereof; nor feeleft thine Incorporation into Christ's Body, nor the Effect thereof in Christ's Death, by thy dying to Sin; in his Refurrection, by thy living to Righteousness; in his Ascension, by fetting thy felf to feek after heavenly things, and to leave the Earth and Flesh, as unworthy of thy farther Care, that fo, at his coming again, thou mayest be ready with Faith and Joy to meet him. And here withal weigh what a greatSin it is, not to hearken to the Spirit of God, when it would operate upon thy Soul; and how thou dost grieve and quench it, when thou doft not gladly obey it, and comply with its Motions. And therefore judge thy felf for not putting off the Old Man with all his Works, and for not putting on the New Man, in bringing forth the Fruits of Regeneration; for not confidering thine Exile in the Fleth from God, orinthis World from Heaven; and to be deeply humbled for all thine Iniquities, for all thine idle, vain, proud Behaviour, whether in Thought, Word

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or Deed; for not being fo duly affected with the Estate of God's Church, as to forrow in the Affliction of it; for not feeking zealously to glorify his Gospel, through which thou art not throughly touched for any false Doctrine, Idolatry or Sin, for opposing which, the Saints of God have been, and still are persecuted and killed, and yet thou livest carelessly without any Sense of their Sufferings, and art unconcerned for its Prosperity, fo thou canst but dwell in Safety. To conclude then, I mean by Sin, whatfoever is declared to be so in the Word of God, which lieth either feen or unfeen in our Hearts, of what Estate soever we be, and appeareth in Life, which is found out by the Word of God, and fo adjudged, which thou oughtest to lament before God in the Exercises of a broken Heart, to humble thee before him, and cause thee to beg Mercy with Earnestness and Contrition, to seek that heavenly Physician Jesus Christ, and eagerly defire to feed on him by Faith, to the Assurance of Life and Salvation, that the Comfort thereof may work in thee the Love of thy God to praise him, the Love a Christian Life.

Love of his written Word to obey it, and in obeying it, to deny thy felf, thy Will, Affection, and Life; that with unfeigned Humility thou mayest walk always with and before the Lord in that Holiness and Righteousness that pleaseth him, knowing that his Eye fearches thy Heart and Life, to see in it his Will done and obeyed; and always practifing that which is good, that thou mayest please him, and therefore must ask Mercy: And so if thou continually strive and labour to do it, he doth accept of thy imperfect Doings in Christ, to encourage thee to take better Hold, and to do better, &c. Wherefore think, and thank God, and utterly despise thy self, and esteem thy self a Wretch, in that God hath done so much for thee, and thou haft so oft offended his divine Majesty, and hast done him so little Service. And furely it is also great Wisdom for thee to think, that if it had pleased God to have given to all other Men Grace, as he hath given to thee, that they would have ferved him better than thou hast done. Wherefore, by his Mercy and Grace, call unto thy Remembrance what Degree

gree of Dignity Almighty God, of his Goodness, hath called thee to, and according thereto, amend thy Ways, and do thy Duty. First and principally honour God as thy Maker, love him as thy Redeemer, fear him as thy Judge. Secondly, thy Neighbour which is thy Superior obey; live in Concord and Peace with thine Equals, and have Mercy on thy Inferiors. Thirdly, take Care to cleanfethy Heart, and bridle thy Tongue; and in all thy Words and Deeds, have ever in thy Mind that thou shalt die thortly, and that God heareth and feeth every thing; and that nothing is fo fecretly done, but it shall be laid open. And every Morning, among other Meditations and Prayers, pray unto the Lord God, that the Day following thou mayest so use this wretched World in all Respects, as that thou mayest by the Merits of Christ's Passion, eschew the Pains of Hell, and come to the Joy everlasting. And in executing thereof, be true and just in all thy Words and Deeds, defend no Man, nor no Matter, against the Truth. In all things, think and trust in God, and he shall direct thy Ways: Trust

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Trust not to thine own Understanding, but fear God, and he will keep thee from Evil: Be content to hear good Counsel, though it be contrary to thy Will; for he is a very Fool that will hear nothing gladly but what is according to his own Mind. Do no Man Harm, lest thou fuffer the same. As thou wouldest be done unto, fo do thou unto others. Be fuch to others as thou defireft they should be unto thee. If thou be religious, remember that the due Execution of true Religion, is not in the wearing of the Habit, but with a clear Mind in very Deed, to execute the Rules of true Religion, and the Ordinances thereof. If thou be Lay and unmarried, keep thee clean unto the Time thou be married, and remember the fore and terrible Punishment of Neab's Flood, and of the Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrab executed upon the Inhabitants thereof, for their abominable Lusts. And if thou intend to marry, or to be married, and hast a good Wife, thank God therefore, for the is of his fending; and remember that there be three things pleasing to the Spirit of God, that is to fay, Concord

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cord between Brethren, Love and Charity between Neighbours, and a Man and Wife well agreeing together; and having in Remembrance, that the Intent of Marriage is not the beaftly Appetite of the Flesh, but to eschew the Evil thereof, or to have Children. And if thou have Children, as much as in thee lyeth, bring them up in Virtue, to be the Servants of God; for it were better for them and thee not to be born, than to be otherwise. In thine Authority, chuse rather to be beloved of thine Inferiors, than to be dreaded. Let thy Subjects and Servants rather ferve and obey thee for Love, than for Dread or Need. With fuch a fovereign Goodness govern thy Subjects, that they may be glad to serve thee under all Changes, and in all Circumstances. Keep a due Mean; be not too streight, nor too loose and exorbitant in all thy Works. Go not to Meat, but as a reasonable Man, with Thanks to God for his Gifts, and then remember, that more be fick and die by Superfluities of Meats and Drinks, than otherwise. Wherefore eat with Measure, to live in Health: At thy Meat in

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Meat have no other but honest Communication, and fuch as is according to thy knowledge; backbite no Man, be foberly merry, for Sorrow and Care hath killed many, and no Profit is therein. In no wife swear without Compulsion of the Law; for where much Swearing is, there the Wrath of God will not be wanting. In no wife quarrel nor chide, for Solomon saith, Better is a little with joy, than much with brawling and contention: And he faith, An evil person is ever chiding; and therefore the Angel of God shall be sent against him. Be content at all times to give Part of that which God hath fent thee; for he that will not hear the Cry of the Poor, shall cry to God, and not be heard. With good Providence and Discretion, see the Time where, when, how, why, and wherefore thou speakest, dost, or biddest any thing to be done: When thou deemest or judgest any thing to be done, in Poor or Rich, behold and confider the Cause, and not the Person. Be as meek in other Mens Causes and Offences, as in thine own; fit never in Judgment without Pity and Mercy; for while thou haft

Pity and Mercy on other Mens Offences, thou haft Mercy on thine own: For in what Measure thou measurest to others, it shall be measured to thee again; yet thou must execute Judgment; for to do Mercy and Justice, is more pleasant to God, than to pray, or do Sacrifice unto him. Judge no Man by light Suspicion; prove first, and then judge. In Doubts, refer the Judgment and Sentence to God Almighty; and what thou knowest not, commit to him. Have little or no Affection for these earthly and transitory things; for bleffed is the rich Man that trusteth not in Money or Treasure. Remember, as a Man loveth, so he is; for the Lover is in the thing beloved, more properly than in himself. Wherefore, if a Man love earthly things, he may be called an earthly Man; but if he love properly heavenly things, or God, he may be called an heavenly or a godly Man. Therefore love God and heavenly things, for undoubtedly that is the best and most assured Love; for they be, and ever shall be permanent, and all earthly things be foon vanished and ended, and in

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to the Love of them is in vain. Also it is high Wisdom to fear God; for that he faith himself, Fear not bim that can kill the body, and cannot burt the foul; but fear bim that can kill the body, and also the foul, and commit them to everlasting pain. Wherefore, every Evening before thou go to Bed, call to thy Remembrance, as much as thou canft, thy Thoughts, Words and Deeds, faid and done that Day; and if any have been to thine own Benefit, and to the Pleafure of God, heartily thank him, for by his Grace it was done; and if any have been contrary to his Will and Pleafure, alk heartily Mercy, and reconcile thy felf quickly to him by Repentance, whereby to eschew the everlasting Destruction of thy Soul: For, as St. Augustine saith, There is not a greater Madness, than for a little temporal Delight, which is soon over, to lose the eternal Joy, and be bound to everlasting Torture. From the which, the Almighty Father, by his infinite Power and Mercy, by the bitter Passion and infinite Wifdom of Jefus Chrift, and by the infinite Goodness and Charity of the Holy Ghost, keep us now and for ever. Amen. Tam. Jam. v. 20. Let him know, that he which bath converted a finner from the errour of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

### What Prayer is.

PRayer is an humble Request either of the Heart or Tongue, or both unto God, proceeding from our Belief and Acknowledgment of his Power, as God, and of his Goodness, as our Father in Jesus Christ, to supply all our Necessities, with Thanksgiving unto him for any Blessing received.

### The Parts of a Prayer are usually three:

1. Humble Confession.

2. Petition or Supplication.

3. Hearty Thanksgiving.

#### I. CONFESSION.

Which is an humble and penitent Acknowledgment of our Sins and Wickedness, and of the Punishments and Miseries thereby deserved, with an earnest Desire and Prayer for Absolution, and that for Jesus Christ's sake.

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If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, I John j. 9.

My misdeeds prevail against me; O be thou merciful to my sins, Pfal. lxvij. 3.

#### 2. PETITION.

Petition or Supplication is that part of Prayer, in which we befeech God, the Author of all Good, and Punisher of all Ill, for all the Mercies, Comforts, Graces and Blessings of this Life, and the Life to come, and for Deliverance from all Fears, Ills, Dangers, and Punishments of this Life, and the Life to come, for ourselves and others, and all for the Merits of Christ Jesus alone, and his Mediation.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me, Pfal. xxvij. 8.

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Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercies: even in the truth of thy falvation, Pfal. lxix. 14.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse me from my secret faults,

Pfal. xix.

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences, Pfal. 1j.

Whofoever shall call on the name of

the Lord shall be faved, Rom. x.

### 3. Hearty THANKSGIVING.

Thanksgiving is an humble joyful Acknowledgment and Expression of our Thanks unto Almighty God for any Mercy or Blessing received, or promised; and for Preservation and Deliverance from any Calamity, Danger, or Distress, with Denial of our own Merits of the least of these, and a magnifying of the Greatness and Goodness of God unto us in and through Jefus Christ.

Give thanks unto the Lord, and call

upon his name, Pfal. cv.

Whatfoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

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giving thanks to God the Father, and by him, Col. iii. 17.

My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation, for I know

no end thereof, Pfal. lxxi. 13.

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us, ing O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders he doth for the children of men: that they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, Pfal. cvii.

O Lord thou art my God, I will exalt thee; I will praise thy name, for thou hast done wonderful things, Isa. xxv. 1.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits he hath done unto me?

I will take the cup of falvation, and call upon the name of the Lord, Pf. cxvi.

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HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness: for thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble: Have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord, early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness, neither shall any

evil dwell with thee.

Therefore, O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

Have mercy me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord heal me, for my bones

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I will be glad and rejoice in thee, year my fongs and praises will I make of thee, O thou most highest!

For God is a righteous judge, strong and patient, and God is provoked every

day.

If a man will not turn, he hath bent his bow, and will whet his fword, and make it ready.

#### I. Poining Prayer.

Mos T mighty and gracious God, which hast brought me out of the Night's Darkness into the Light of the Day, make me in the Light of thy Truth to see the Light of thy Love, that I may rejoice in the Day of Visitation, wherein the Day-spring from on high hath visited me, and of Salvation, wherein thou wilt succour me. This Day make me hear thy Voice, and not harden my Heart through Unbelief or Deceitfulness of Sin, but that by Faith I may enter into thy promised Rest. Give Grace unto me, O Lord, and to all thy People, and enable me to walk warily,

warily, diligently and dutifully in my Vocation, to do fuch good Works wherewith thou mayeft be well pleased; and that walking in thy Ways, I may work out my Salvation with Fear and Trembling; and grant that all my Meditations, Thoughts, Words and Works, may tend to the edifying of my Christian Brethren, the Discharge of my Duty, the Consolation of my Conscience, and the glorifying of thy most holy Name, which art my God, my Guide, my Saviour and Defender: To whom be all Praise and Glory, Power, Might, Dominion and Majesty, now and for ever. Amen.

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I Yield thee humble and hearty Thanks, O heavenly Father, in thy Son Jesus Christ, for thy innumerable Benefits poured upon my Soul and Body, and that thou hast kept me this Night past from many Evils, both spiritual and corporal, and of thy great Mercy dost offer and give unto me Time and Space to repent and amend my Life, that I may live henceforth, not as I will, but as thou wilt: And as my Body doth draw B 2 con-

continually nearer and nearer to its End, the Grave, so my Soul may approach to its desired End, Heaven, and not Hell: For in one State we stand not still, but either we are nearer the happy State of Life, or else the unhappy Condition of Death eternal. Wherefore, O my dear Father, I befeech thee to be merciful unto me; and as of thy Goodness thou givest me Time to repent, fo of the same thy Goodness in Christ, I humbly befeech thee to give me thy gracious Gift of true, holy, perfect, and perpetual Repentance, that I may more and more lament my former finful Life, trusting unfeignedly in the rich Mercies of thee my God, through the Merits of thy Son Jesus Christ, for the Pardon of all my Sins. And grant, O Lord, I befeech thee, that I may unfeignedly purpose, and effectually labour to amend my Life this Day, and fo long as I have to live, to the Praise of thy Name, and the good Example of others. And forasmuch as thou knowest my Weakness, my Ignorance, and great Inability to bear any Cross or Affliction as I ought, of thy merciful Goodness so temper and order

order all things towards me this Day and ever, that I be never tempted further than I shall be able to bear, but so support me in all my Trials, as may be most for thy Glory and mine own Salvation.
Although (O God) thy Goodness,
Mercy and Truth to Mankind in all thy Works doth abundantly appear; yet herein chiefly thou declarest thy self to be most favourable, merciful, and gracious, that not fuffering us to walk in Darkness, Ignorance and Blindness, thou hast given us thy most holy and blessed Word, to be a Lanthorn to our Feet to lighten our Steps in the Paths which lead to everlasting Life, lest we should walk in the Shadow of Death: In which thy most bleffed and sacred Word, thou hast finally and perfectly fet forth unto Mankind, fo much of thy glorious Majesty as was expedient for us to know; and not only that, but haft herein also fully exprest thy most holy and blessed Will, whatfoever is necessary for the Salvation of Mankind to be known, to bring him to Life everlasting. Give me Grace, most merciful Father, that for so valuable a Treasure left among us, I B 4 may

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may thankfully and reverently embrace, accept, and esteem the same, as the most precious Jewel on Earth, and may be fully convinced, that all things therein contained be most undoubtedly true, not by any mortal Man, but by the most holy Spirit in Man, penned and written to the Comfort and Behoof of Man; and that I may most humbly, lowly, and with most profound Reverence, submit my felf thereunto, as becometh thy eternal Majesty, and the Word proceeding from thy most bleffed Mouth: That I may with Diligence and Obedience, read, hear, and employ my felf in the same, to the Comfort of my Soul, and the Increase of thy Glory. Lighten my Understanding (most dear Father) with thy most holy Spirit, that I may duly learn, clearly apprehend, and throughly understand the things therein contained, which no mortal Man can conceive, fave those that have learned of thee, and whom thou by thy holy Spirit dost en-lighten and instruct. Guide me, dear Father, with thy most holy Spirit, that having the true Understanding of the Mysteries therein contained, I may be fully

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fully established and confirmed in the right Knowledge of thee, my dear Father, and of thy beloved Son, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and in Conscience throughly perswaded, that I have my full perfect Salvation and Life everlasting in him, and through his Atonement made by his Death and Passion. That I may not vainly abuse the Knowledge of thy most facred Word to satisfie vain Curiofity, or brag of Knowledge, but only to the relieving of my hungry and wounded Conscience, to the loosing of my fettered Soul, and the appealing of my forrowful Heart: that I may to the end of my Life, walk in Sincerity before thee my heavenly Father, in the Comforts of thy dear Son, my Saviour, upholden still by the merciful Power of the holy Ghost; to whom with thee, O Father, and my bleffed Saviour, be everlafting Praise and Glory. Amen.

### A Confession to God the Father.

Lord my God, I confess unto Thee, that my Heart is unclean, that I am of polluted Lips, wallowing in the Filth, and stinking in the Rottenness of

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mine own Sin, fo that I may justly tremble to appear before thy glorious prefence, much more to present unto thee thy pure Praises out of my defiled Mouth: But who, except thou, O Lord, can make me clean? And what is pure which thou hast not purged? Therefore, O Father of Life, O Lord of Light, with all the Powers of my Soul, I do befeech thee to help me thy Servant, whom of thy Mercy thou hast created: Cleanse my Filthiness, lighten my Darkness, inflame my Coldness, quicken my Dulness, awake my Drowsiness, revive my Deadness; repair the Ruins of my Soul, enlarge the Frame of the Understanding thereof, cleanse it from all earthly Corruption, garnish it with thy heavenly Graces, that it may be conveniently both fit and furnished to receive thee, that thou mayest make thine Entry, and possess that which is thine own, both by Creation, and also by Redemption: and that as thou art exalted above all Creatures; fo above all Creatures, I may honour thee and praise thy Name, not with that Affection wherewith my Weakness is able, either to do or to defire, but with that Per:e

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Perfection wherewith in Duty I should, and wherewith thy Saints and Angels indeed do: For what worthy Praise can I give unto thee, by whose Goodness I was created, by whose Mercy I was redeemed, by whose Power I am preserved, and by whose Grace I look to be glorified? When I was not, thou didft make me; when I was loft and forlorn, thou camest down and tookest Mortality upon thee to redeem me: These and many other Benefits have I received, some in hand, and some in hope, although through my own finful Demeanour, I have almost both let go my hold, and lost my hope: therefore, O Lord, I most humbly beseech thee, save thy Servant, fave one of thy Members, though poor and feeble. Be as great in pardoning those that submit unto thee, as in punishing those that are rebellious: Pour upon my Heart the sweet Streams of thy Mercies; reform my Life, increase my Faith, settle me in a holy and upright Courfe, and continue me in the same even unto the End: Grant this, O Father, through thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the holy Ghoft. Ghost, be all Honour and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A devout Prayer to Jesus Christ.

Most sweet Saviour, and merciful Redeemer, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who although thou art high, yet art thou most humble; and as thou art omnipotent, so art thou most meek; and as thou art most mighty, so art thou most merciful: To thee, O Christ, the Giver of all Felicity, the Father of Heaven hath given all Power both in Heaven and in Earth. Thou art the true Paftor of our Souls, thou art our Messias, thou casteth off none that sue unto thee; but as thou hast taken away the Handwriting that was against us, and hast fastned it to the Cross; so art thou ready to impart the Merits of thy Passion to all fuch as with true Repentance of their Sins, call upon thee faithfully: Wherefore, my sweet Saviour, I most faithfully and unfeignedly acknowledge the Benefits that thou hast bestowed upon me, and stedfastly believe that thou being an immaculate Lamb, in whose Mouth was never found Guile, didst suffer

fer most cruel Torments at the hands of Sinners, for the Love of us most wretched Sinners: For the which Caufe I most heartily beseech thee, and most humbly pray thee to accept me into the Number of them whom thou wilt receive to Mercy and Favour; and although I of my felf be most unworthy thereof, yet they Merits can make me worthy; to them I fly, craving that I may be so armed and defended by them, that I may subdue the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, even as thou hast gloriously conquered Sin, Death, and Hell. Thou feeft, O my Saviour, how I am daily and hourly befet with these three Enemics, and so hardly besieged of them, that without thy help, I can by no means escape, but that I must needs be a Prey unto one of them: Strengthen me therefore, O Lord, that neither the one with carnal Lust, neither the other with enticing Pleasures, nor Satan with all his Craft and fubtil Devices, get the Dominion over me: thou hast bought me, thou hast paid for me; save, keep and defend me; be always ready at the Voice of my crying; pour into me thy Grace, patiently

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patiently to abide thy divine Pleasure in all things: make me both at this present, and all the Days of my Life to have in my Mind, and profoundly to root in my Heart the Mysteries of thy painful Passion, and so to be filled with Remembrance thereof, that Sin may no more prevail over me, and that Satan, mine old Enemy, may well perceive that he hath neither Part nor Fellowship in me, but that I am both Body and Soul altogether thine: to whom, O my sweet Saviour, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all Power, Glory and Honour, for ever and ever. Amen.

### A Prayer to the Holy Ghost.

O Holy Spirit, worthy of all Honour, which makest up the Almighty Trinity, which proceedest from the Father and the Son, and art equal to either of them in Glory, but differing from them only in Property of Person, which of thy Goodness, forgivest the Sins of them that amend, which with thy holy Breath cleansest Mens Minds, comforting them when they be in Sorrow, cheering them up with pure Gladness, when they

they be in Heaviness, leading them into all Truth when they be out of the way, kindling in them the Fire of Charity when they be cold, knitting them together in the Bond of Peace when they are at Variance, and adorning them with fundry Gifts which profess the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things live which live indeed, whose Delight is to dwell in the Hearts of the Simple, which thou haft vouchsafed to confecrate for Temples to thy felf; I befeech thee, O dear Lord, to maintain those thy Gifts in me, and to increase them daily more and more, that by thy Governance the Lusts of the Flesh may die in me, and the Defire of the heavenly Life may quicken and increase. Let me fo pass, I beseech thee, O my God, through the misty Defart of this World (thy Light going before me) as I may never be defiled with Satan's Vices, nor be intangled with any Errors disagreeing from thy Truth, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Son everlastingly; to whom be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

#### A fruitful Prayer to God.

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My dear Lord and God, what is this World? It is evil, it is a Place of vain Pleafure, a Cage of Iniquity, or rather a Lump of Mifery; and what am I, Lord, what am I, but a Friend of this present evil World, and an Enemy to thee? What am I but a Child of Wrath, and Son of Darkness, so glued to Sin, and tainted with Iniquity, that my Body is a Body of Sin? What then, O'Lord, shall I do? Shall the Mountain of Sin oppress me, or the World with the Baits of Vanity so choak me, that I shall never, like an Eagle, fly to the Carcase, nor be able to cry for Help to thee the only Morning Star, which are wont to spread forth the Beams of Comfort unto the Needy in time of Extremity? O Lord my God, give me the Wings of Faith to flee unto thee, and pour upon me the Dew of thy Bleffing, that I may bud and bear the Fruit of Holiness, through the Operations of thy gracious Beams: Give me thy Grace, that I fail not in my Vocation, that I may do good, and eschew evil, and so perperform that Vow which I made unto thee in my Baptism. Save me from falling, and stay my Feet from slipping, by thy holy Word, which is the Glass of thy Will, that being guided over this misty Desart, I may arrive at the Land of Promise, and Palace of Rest in a lively Faith, through thy dear Son Jesus Christ, to whom be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

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A Prayer for the Church, and true Worship of God.

Most gracious God, and loving Father, look in favour, I beseech the, upon the Church generally dispersed throughout the whole World, and whom by the Malice of Satan, and Tyranny of Antichrift, thou feeft continually affailed with many and great Dangers. Be thou therefore, O Lord, a Castle of Defence, a Buckler and Rock strong and impregnable, to withstand the Force and Fury of all Adversaries that rise up against it. And for its better Comfort, endue it with Faith unfeigned, wherein it and every Member thereof, may fafely run and repair under the Shadow of thy facred Wings,

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Wings, whenfoever Perils approach. Graciously guide and govern it, by taking the Defence thereof into thine own hands, to whom it specially and alone belongeth; and let it hold on the true Course of professing and practifing of thy true Religion, that the Adversaries thereof may have no cause to condemn it through Sin, which howfoever it may feem to dwell in the most godly while we live here; yet let us always have an Eye and diligent Watch over all our Thoughts, Words and Works, that our Light may shine to thy Glory, our Good, and Example to others, in Peace and War, in Comfort and Calamity, and we may not be difmayed at any Noise and Report of the greatest Danger whatsoever. Thou art, O Lord my God, my only Comfort and Riches; what am I, that I dare speak unto thee? I am thy poor Servant, yea, and much more poor and vile, than I either know, or dare shew forth: and yet, Lord, I remember this one thing, that I am nothing, that I have nothing, and that I am nothing worth: Thou alone art Good, thou alone art Righteous, thou alone art Holy: Thou knowest all

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all, thou dost all, thou fillest all; only the Wicked thou fendest empty away: Remember, O Lord, thy tender Mercies, and fill me with thy Favour: Thou wilt that none of thy Works should serve in vain: for how can I stand upright in this wretched World, unless thy Mercy and Favour hold me up? Turn not therefore thy cheerful Countenance from thy Servant; defer not to help me from Day to to Day; withdraw not thy Comfort, that my Soul be not as the thirsty Land, but teach me to do thy Will; for thou, O my God, art my Wisdom, and knowest what is meet and convenient for me, to whom with the Son and the Holy Ghoft, be all Glory for ever. Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

# Prayers for SUNDAY Night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: prepare my beart, and open my lips, &c.

#### A PSALM.

HOW long wilt thou forget me? O Lord, for ever? how long wilt hou hide thy face from me?

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How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not

in death.

For why? my trust is in thy mercy, and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

Therefore will I fing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most highest.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning; my reins also chasten me in the

night feafon.

I have fet God always before me, for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoyced, my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my foul in hell, neither shalt thou suffer

thine holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the paths of life; in thy presence is the sulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

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O hold thou up my goings in thy

paths, that my footsteps slip not.

So shall he hear me out of his holy temple, and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.

He shall send down from the height to fetch me, and shall take me out of

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Thou shalt also light my candle; the Lord my God shall make my darkness

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The Lord liveth, and bleffed be my strong helper, and bleffed be the God of my Salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### A Confession to God.

ther, I do acknowledge and confess before thy High and Glorious Majesty, that I was bred and born in Sin and Corruption: and that since my Birth I have not ceased, nor do cease daily to transgress thy holy Commandments, in respect whereof I cannot escape Ruin and Destruction, according to thy strict Justice: yet notwithanding, forasmuch as I am

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I am forry, that I have offended thee, my Lord and God, and do condemn both my felf and my Sin, receive me to Mercy; and as it hath pleafed thee to love us, even when we were thine Enemies; and for affurance thereof, to give unto us thine only and well-beloved Son, to be a Mediator and Advocate between thee and us, promising us to obtain whatfoever we shall ask of thee in his Name; vouchfafe, O most loving God, and dear Father, to pardon and forgive me in his Name, and for his fake, and not only to cleanse my Heart from all Vanity and Uncleanness, but also to govern and guide me by thy holy Spirit, in all my ways, that I may live according to thy holy and heavenly Will, all the Days of my Life, to the Glory of thy Name, through the fame thy well-beloved Son Jefus Chrift, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be Praise and Glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer against the Temptations and Malice of Satan.

O Heavenly Father, and eternal God, unto thee do I cry: Protect and strengthen me, O Lord, against the Tem-

Temptations of Satan, which is the fworn and extreme Enemy to my Salvation, a Slanderer, and Accuser, who rageth and continually contriveth Mischief in a deadly Hatred against thy Flock, and by all means feeketh the Destruction of all Mankind, divers and fundry ways laying Snares to intrap us and our Souls, watching for any Occasion whereby he may allure us to Sin and Difobedience to thy holy Laws. For as many corporal Affections as be in Man, fo many Occasions doth he take to tempt us, and thereby to wound us. He layeth Snares to take us in Wealth, in Poverty, in Pleasure, and in the Enticements of the Flesh, in Anguish of Mind, in Ambition and Defire of Glory, in the Wearisonness of our Calling and inferior Condition, in Cares both for the Back and the Belly, and in Lust of Revenge, Night and Day: Whether we fleep or wake, he is always about to devour us, that our Senses may be corrupted from the Simplicity that we owe unto Christ, even as the Serpent deceived Eve by his Subtilty. Therefore, Othou Son of God, which art the Bleffed Seed, bruising

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he nbruifing the Head of the Serpent, bring and bruise this mine Enemy (Satan) under thy Feet: Thou my chief Champion, which of thine own accord, enteredst into Temptation, that so thou mightest, as it were, Hand to Hand, wreftle with this mine Enemy, and purchase a Triumph for me by thy Victory; hold him fast bound that he exercise not his Cruelty upon me as he desireth, but make me partaker of thy Conquest over him; and as thou hast in thy Body overcome Satan, fo utterly suppress him in me thy unworthy Servant. And, I beseech thee, O Lord, to give me thy whole Armour, that I may, like a good Soldier of Christ, resist in the evil Day, and vanquish this my strong Enemy: Gird me with the Truth; put upon me the Breast-plate of Righteousness, and let me be shod and prepared for the Gospel of Peace; and above all things give me the Shield of Faith, which can extinguish all the fiery Darts of wicked Spirits; bestow upon me the Helmet of Salvation, with the Sword of the Spirit, and the Word of God, that through thee I may encounter valiantly, and gloriously attain the Victory: And HolySpirit, AlmightyGod, comfort thou and strengthen my Mind against those divers Conflicts of Satan, which beset me by many Snares, and especially then most of all, when I seek deliverance by other Means than by thy Word revealed; and grant that leaving thy Word delivered unto me, I look not after new Revelations, or violent Raptures, but may resist the Devil by thy Word and Power, during my whole Life. O dear Father, to whom it is more easie to do all things, than for me to think any good thing; do thou but fpeak the Word, and thy deadly fick Servant (my Soul) shall be made whole: Help, O Lord, for thy great Mercies fake, for thy Truth fake, and for thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, and let thy Strength suffice against my Weakness, and thy Holy Spirit against my sinful Flesh and corrupt Inclinations: Thou art faithful, O Father, who haft promised that I shall not be tempted further than thou wilt make me able to bear: Give now therefore thy Grace and Strength unto thy Servant, that I may-

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may with strong Faith in thy infallible Truth and promised Mercy, vanquish and fubdue whatfoever rebelleth against thy most blessed Will: Preserve and keep holy my Soul and Body, and let them not be defiled, and made a Dungeon of wicked Spirits, through delight in any fort of Sin. Shall now, alas, the Devil, the World, or the Flesh, pluck from thee thy Servant, that crieth to thee with affured trust in thy promised Help? Nay, Father, but grant that I may by thy mighty Power, turn all their Crafts, Deceits, and raging Affaults, unto the increase of my Faith, and that by Experience of thy fatherly Assistance, in this my present Temptation, I may with affured Hope and Trust in thy ready Help and Comfort, overcome my fad Enemies hereafter in other like Affaults, and Praise thy holy Name for the Victory, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour, to whom be all Power, Praise and Glory for ever, World without End. Amen.

A Prayer for Grace to do the Will of God.

Most bountiful Father, extend thy Favour towards me, and let it be with me, and labour with me unto the End; and give me thy Grace to wish and to covet fuch things as may be grateful to thee, and acceptable in thy Sight; let thy Will be mine, and let me always follow thine, and agree therewith. Grant that I may like that which thou doft, and never like or diflike any thing but that which thou dost like or dislike. Affist me, O Lord, to crucify my felf to all worldly things. Set me free from all wicked Affections of the Mind, and heal my Soul of all unbridled Defires and Sins, that being inwardly cleanfed, and thoroughly purged, Imay be made fit to love, strong to fuffer, and may constantly persevere to the End. And above all things, grant that I may have Rest and Peace in thee; for thou art the true Peace; thou art alone the Quieter of the Mind, and without thee all things are troublefome and uneafy. In this Peace, that is in thee alone, which art the chiefest

and everlasting Felicity, I will repose myfelf both now and for ever, and constantly persevere and continue in the same, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A Prayer not to distrust the Mercy of God.

HY Mercy, O Lord my God, endureth for ever, and thy loving Kindness towards thy Children cannot be uttered: the Truth of thy Promife never faileth thine Elect. Thou hast calmedthe troubled Waves of wavering Thoughts, which overwhelm my Soul, tand brought me to the quiet Haven of thy merciful Protection and Defence, and haft delivered mine Eyes from Tears, and my Feet from falling, and my Heart from Distrust. O Lord my God and loving Father, let this thy great Mercy and loving Kindness shewed upon me, never depart out of my Mind and Heart, but that I may be thereof continually mindful all the Days of my Life. And for these thy unspeakable Mercies towards me, grant, good Lord, that I may have a thankful Heart, to render due

due Honour, Praise and Thanksgiving unto thy Majesty; acknowledging from the Bottom of my Heart thy wonderful Works in me. And that I may hereof be more assured, I beseech thee, good Lord, that as thou hast begun to deliver me, so I may feel daily more and more thy good Will and Mercy towards me: Increase in me true Understanding of thy heavenly Will, and thy bleffed Word; strengthen my Faith in thy loving Promifes, that I may be affured of thy Protection and mine Election and Salvation. Make me daily more and more to love thee, my dear Father and God, unfeignedly, for all thy Goodness shewed unto me, to have my full Delight and Joy in thee, and walk before thee in Sincerity of Heart, and godly Conversation; that I may here on Earth glorify thy Name, and after this Life, with all thy faithful Flock, poffess that everlasting Inheritance which thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord hath purchased; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be always bent to Heavenly things.

H! I would to God, that that Day might once shine, in the which I might fee my Redeemer, and all thefe temporal Days would end! for the Days of this World are few, short, full of Evil and Sorrow, where Man is defiled with many Sins, oppress'd with Griefs and Cares, diffurbed with Thoughts, wrapp'd in Vanities, compassed with Errors, molested with Temptation, drowned in Sensuality, and crucified with Poverty. Oh! when thall there be an End of these manifold and miserable Labours? When shall I be delivered from the miserable Bondage of Wickedness? When shall I only remember thee, O Lord? When shall I fully and perfectly rejoice in thee? When shall I be out of all Danger, and delivered from all Grief of Body and Soul, and come to true Liberty? When shall I rest in that quiet, secure, and undisturbed Peace, where Peace is both within and without in all things? O Lord

Lord Jesus, when shall I see thee, and behold the Glory of thy Kingdom, which thou hast prepared for thine Elect from the Beginning? I do wish to be joined to heavenly things, but tem-poral Pleafure, and mortal Passions, keep me back from them. In Mind I would fain vanquish all Wickedness and Vice, but yet I am constrained to be subject to the froward Flesh, and, unhappy Wretch as I am! I am at Controverfy with my felf; for whilst my Soul aspireth upward, my Flesh draweth downward! O what Passions do I inwardly fuffer! For when my Soul beginneth to contemplate of heavenly things, then presently heaps of carnal Thoughts withdraw me from Prayer. O my God, withdraw not thy felf from me! Depart not in Anger from thy Servant: thunder forth thy Power; fend out thy Lightning, and disperse my worldly Thoughts abroad, and drive away all the Temptations of mine Enemy. Turn my Senses unto thee, O my dear Father, and make me forget all earthly things. Grant that I C 4 may may cast off all sinful Thoughts and Imaginations. O eternal Verity, succour me to the End that no Vanity tempt or remove me from thee. O heavenly Father help me! for all Vanity and Impurity melteth before thy Face, which livest and reignest ever one God, in Power and Glory, World without End. Amen.

#### An Evening Prayer.

Eternal God, and merciful Father, hear my Voice, and listen to my Prayers, and forgive all my Sins which this Day I have done in thy Sight, and be not angry with thy Servant for ever, but listen unto thine only begotten Son, who maketh Intercession to thee for me; for his sake hear me, and have Mercy upon me: Defend me this Night (of thy merciful goodness) from unclean and troublesome Spirits, and from the Snares and Illusions of the Devil: Preserve me from all Dangers, and fave my Body and Soul from Destruction: Grant that I may sleep quietly without Grief or TrouTrouble, that in Darkness I may behold with the Eyes of my Heart, the light of thy Countenance shining upon me; for in thee alone do I trust: Thou art my Lord and God, into thy Hands I commend my Soul and Body now and ever: Therefore, O Lord, let thy unspeakable Mercy preserve me, thy endless Sweetness rejoice me, thy heavenly Truth strengthen me, thy Knowledge embrace me, and thy Goodness keep me, now and evermore. Amen.

# Prayers for MONDAY Morning.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: Prepare my Heart, open my Lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.

# A PSALM.

HElp me, O God of my falvation, for the glory of thy name; O deliver me, and be merciful unto my fin, for thy name's fake.

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O remember not mine old fins, but have mercy upon me, and that foon;

for I am come to great mifery.

My foul hath a defire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoiceth in the living God.

Bleffed are they that dwell in thy house, they will be always praising

thee.

Preserve thou my soul, O my God, and save thy servant that puts his trust in thee.

O comfort the foul of thy fervant, for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my foul: For thou Lord art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

And bleffed is the man whose strength is in thee, and in whose heart are thy

ways.

O Lord, I have cried day and night before thee, O let my Prayer enter to thy presence: encline thine ear to my calling.

And be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon thee, for thou dost

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drous things; thou art God alone.

O turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thy handmaid.

Shew some good token upon me for good, that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed, because thou Lord hast holpen me, and comforted me.

O fatisfy me with thy mercy, and that foon; fo shall I rejoice and be glad

all the days of my life.

Shew thy fervants thy work, and

thy children thy Glory.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord my God be upon me: prosper thou the work of my hands upon me; O prosper thou my handy-work.

### A Morning Prayer.

Almighty God, and merciful Father, which gavest the Children of Israel in Charge, to offer a daily Morning and Evening Sacrifice unto thee, that thereby they may glorifie and thank thee for the benefit of their Protection both Night and Day; receive of

54: Analarayers for of my hurs, me, O Lord, the the Lips which I lay upon thine Altar, being my Morning Sacrifice of Thanksgiving unto thee : Iglorifie thee, O eternal God, for that Thou hast broken the Bands wherewith I was tied this Night in the midst of Darkness, and hast delivered me from the shadow of Death, by bringing me fafe and found to the beginning of this Day: Wherefore I will praise thy Name, and magnifie thee for ever. OLord, continue thy Goodness towards me this Day, and grant that all my Prayers and Works may both begin and end in thee: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep me this Day without Sin, and fill me in this present Hour with thy Favour and Grace, that all this Day and ever, I may rejoice and delight in thy Praises: Grant, merciful God, that descending into my Soul, I may reprehend and condemn mine own Spots and Vices within me: Deliver me, O Lord, from lying Lips, and fave me from a deceitful Tongue: Keep me, O Lord, from the edge of the Sword, from sudden Death, from infectious Pestilence, from mortal

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mortal Sickness, and deadly Vexation. O Almighty Sanctifier, both within and without, keep me this Day from danger of Blood-thirsty Men, whose Feet are fwift to shed Blood: For into thy Hands this Day and ever I commend my Spirit: And may I alway watch upon thee, my Maker, both Night and Day, befeeching thee to protect me in the Day of my Trouble, that the Enemy have no Advantage over me: And grant, O Lord, that if in thy Justice for punishment of my Sin, or of thy gracious Favour for tryal of my Faith, and exercise of my Patience, thou suffer me to fall into any Distress or Danger; give me, I beseech thee, a contented Mind, to submit to thy good Pleasure, with affured Hope and Belief, that as all things are wrought to thy Glory, fo they may work for the best unto me, as one that loveth thee: Grant this, O most merciful Father; To whom, with thy Son, and the Holy Ghoft, be all Honour and Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Forgiveness of Sins.

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God, the God of my Salvation, I do here acknowledge my Sins unto thee, and mine Iniquities I have not hid: Wherefore, O my God, turn thy Face towards me; and let thy loving Mercy ever more and more extend unto me; for I am miserable, finful, and poor, and I come unto thee the Fountain of all Help. Forgive my Sins, wash me and I shall be whiter than Snow: Let me taste of thy old loving Kindnesses that have been ever of old, whereby thou art ready to forgive, and to embrace them that turn from their evil Ways, as appeareth by David, Peter, and many others, who repenting of their Sins, found Favour: Wherefore have Mercy upon me, O God, have Mercy upon me; and according to the multitude of thy Compassions, do away mine Iniquities: O cleanse me from my fecret Sins, and wash away my known Sins with the ineftimable Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ: Remove mine Iniquities far away from thee, and be not angry with thy Servant for ever: O enter not into Judgment

ment with thy Servant; for if no Flesh before thee bejustified, what shall become of me, who have so highly offended? O Lord my God, full of Mercy and Pity, I appeal unto thee, I flee unto thee, I rest upon thee, leave off thy Displeasure against me; and how weak soever and unable I am to stand in thy Presence, yet let thy Spirit of Strength hold me up, and fay unto me, Fear not, for my Grace is sufficient for thee. I take hold of thy Love, I rest upon thy Favour in Christ, reject me not, though there be no Good in me. Pour down that absolute Good thing, even thy Grace, and let it direct me to amendment of Life. Thou hast faid, that thou art well-pleafed in Christ thy Son, in him be thou also pleased with me, and receive me again into thy Love, through his Merits, by whom every Sinner receiveth free access unto thee: And although I for my part, most loving Lord, am a Veffel full of many Faults and Enormities, yet dear Father have Mercy upon me, and cast me not from thy Presence, but rather endue me again with a new Spirit, and a lively feeling of thy Will, and

an Ability to do thereafter, that I may pass the residue of my Days in Sincerity, Holiness, and Righteousness, and in the due Service of thee; that from henceforth, instead of straying from thee, I may dwell and be shrouded under the shadow of thy Wings: And that instead of Sin, which hath so miferably defiled me, I may embrace Piety, Godliness, and true Zeal: And instead of Ignorance, whereby I have fo long gone aftray, I may take hold of thy faving Truth, that it may be a Lanthorn unto my Feet, and a Light unto my Paths, that I may rest safe in thee through a lively Faith that never decayeth: And here I wait for thy Loving-kindness and Mercy, O Lord, promised in Christ, in whom I am bold with deep Sighs of Heart, to cry, and fay, Lord, forgive mine Offences, cover my Sins, and lay not my former Evils to my Charge: And for the better performance of this my Duty unto thee, from henceforth (good Lord) quench all those corrup Motions of my Mind, which strive against thy divine Plea-

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Pleasure, that being thus inwardly renewed in my Soul, and outwardly reformed in my Conversation, I may serve thee with gladness, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour; To whom be all Glory and Honour for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Knowledge to do the Will of God.

O Lord God and Heavenly Father, the God of all Wisdom and Understanding, I acknowledge, that by thy just Sentence in that general Corruption, which I have drawn from Adam's Loins, I am deprived of all true spiritual Wisdom and Knowledge of thee and thy Will, and am heartily ashamed of my stupid and beastly Ignorance, such as springeth from Infidelity, and is most contrary to thy Will, from my want of Understanding, and backwardness to feek after God. O Lord have Mercy upon me, most miserable and vile Wretch, and open mine Eyes that I may fee the Mysteries of thy profound and excellent Truth: Increase, O Lord,

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all holy Defires in me, to attain the Knowledge of thy Will; let my whole Delight be in it, to meditate therein Day and Night, that it may be more precious unto me than Gold and Silver many times refined. And howfoever thy Graces and Gifts, O Lord, are to be acknowledged in Men, yet, because thy good Pleasure is so, that all should carry the scars of Ignorance and Infirmity: Draw in my whole Delight, I befeech thee, and kindle all my Affections to the love of thy Law and Testimonies, and to those Scriptures that were written, and indited by thine own felf, and thy Spirit; for those, good Lord, contain thy whole Will in that everlafting Covenant that thou haft stricken with thy Saints. This, O Lord, is that Well-spring of Wisdom and Grace that shall make us wife before thee, howfoever the World condemn us for it of Madness and Folly. Teach thou me, O Lord, and I shall be taught: Open thou mine Eyes that I may fee the excellent things of thy Law: Reform my Heart, that Self-love and Vain-glory may

may be quite vanquished and slain in me, that I may only fet before mine Eyes thy Glory. O gracious God, spoil this Power of Satan in me, that by thy means thy good Gifts of Knowledge andWifdom be not abused against Thee, thy Gospel and Glory; that I be not carried through emulation, spite, or envy of any Man's Credit, or Gifts, to fet myfelf against thy Truth; but give me true Humility, that above all things I may rejoice in the advancement and praise of thy Name, whether it be with my Honour or Shame, with my Peace or Trouble, with good Report or evil Report. I know, O Lord, that true Wisdom is from thee alone, and that thou hast ordained thy Servants in fo gracious a dispensation of thy Gifts, that they who have the greatest, have need of their's that have the least; the greatest Master-builders, of them that are but Labourers, and Basket-bearers in thy Church: O that the Unity of thy Spirit, and the Bond of Peace, may knit us fast together, and oblige us to reverence each other, and to be at one in thy thy Work. O knit our Hearts together, that we may all feek thee to thy eternal Praise; to whom only belongeth Renown, Glory, and Honour, for ever, &c.

# A fruitful Prayer to God.

A Lmighty and eternal God, my Creator and Lover, I praise, adore, and bless Thee, for that in my Offences and Ungratefulness, thou hast so mercifully and patiently forborn and fuffered me to live even to this Hour, whereunto thou by thy Benefits haft brought me, giving unto me, thy wretched Servant, Life and Necessaries thereunto belonging, and appointing Angels to be my Keepers. O my good God, who knoweth whether till Evening my Life shall be prolonged, or what Death is appointed for me. O merciful Lord and Heavenly Father, grant that I may with hearty Repentance truly repent of my Sins, and inwardly bewail that ever I offended thy divine Majesty: Suffer not my Soul to depart this Body, before it be (through thy Mercy) perfectly reconciled unto thee by Grace, and bebedecked with thy Merits and Vertues. O merciful Saviour, if these things I defire, stand with thy Pleasure and Will, grant them, I befeech thee, although I be not worthy to be heard: And in thy Mercy, grant, that by the merits of thy Passion, I may be purged from all my Sins, and stricken with true and vehement Contrition; and being knit with thee in perfect Charity, I may at length be taken unto thee, my fweet Redeemer, fafely from all Damnation; defiring this one thing at thy Hands, that thou wilt remember my Frailty, Unworthiness, Unstableness, and Miseries, together with thine own Goodness and most charitable Mercy; praying thee never to forfake me, or leave me, but that thou wilt always possess and govern me, according to thy Will; To whom be all Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be restored to God's Favour.

Almighty and everlasting God and Father, which hast made Heaven and Earth, and all things therein contained!

tained! O incomprehensible Unity! O ever adorable most blessed Trinity! I humbly befeech thee, and pray thee, by the Affumption and crucified Humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou wouldest drive from me all kind of Wickedness and Sin, creating in me a clean Heart, and a right Spirit. O O Lord Jesus, I beseech thy Goodness, for the exceeding great Love which drew thee out of thy Father's Bosom into the Womb of the holy Virgin, and for the Assumption of Man's Nature, wherein it pleased thee to save me. and to deliver me from eternal Death; that thou wouldst draw me out of my felf, unto thee my Lord God; and grant that this my Love may recover again to me, thy Grace to increase and make perfect in me that which is wanting, to raife up in me what is fallen, to restore to me that which I have lost, and to quicken in me that which is dead and should live; that so I may become conformable unto thee in all my Life and Conversation, Thou dwelling in me, and I in thee, my Heart being

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ing suppled with thy Grace, and settled in thy Faith for ever. O my God, loose and set at Liberty my Spirit from all inferior things; govern my Soul, and so work, that both in Soul and Body I may be holy, and live to thy Glory, World without end. Amen.

A Prayer to Christ, to rest in his Love.

My most loving Saviour, I have chosen thee; I wish and look for thee; I run to meet thee, and I do renounce all things that are not of thee; whatfoever thou wilt I will, and whatfoever thou wilt not, I forfake and utterly detest from my Heart: And whatfoever shall hereafter happen unto me contrary to this present Choice of my Mind, I befeech thee not to impute the fame unto me, but according to this Choice of my Soul, judge me: For all things which I ought not to do, I utterly forfake them: And, if at any time hereafter, I shall chance by any finister occasion, to agree to any thing that may provoke thee to withdraw thy Mercy from me, I do now at this present Hour utterly

Saviour and Redeemer, if it please thee, or stand with thy Glory, grant, I beseech thee, in this my present Life, that I may be delivered and preserved from all Offences, whereof I have been guilty, and from all the Pains and Torments due to them; and that thou wilt with the Hands of thy Mercy, immediately after this Life, receive my Soul into everlasting Joy and Felicity, there to reign with thee for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to God to grant our Petitions.

Christ, who art the Strength of the Weak, and the Salvation of Believers, and an Aider of the Oppreffed, yea, our Life and Safeguard in the peril of Death, I befeech thee, that pitying mine Afflictions, thou wilt vouchfafe to grant me my Petitions, which at this time I have asked at thy Hands; fo shall I serve thee here in the Kingdom of Grace, and hereafter in thy Kingdom of Glory, where, I besech thee, O Lord, that I may have a Place to dwell with thee eternally, who livest with

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Our Father, &c.

# Prayers for MONDAY Night.

O Lord my God and Father, bleffed be thy Name for ever: Prepare my Heart, and open my Lips, &c.

#### A PSALM.

M Y fong shall be of mercy and judgment: Unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

O let me have understanding in the

way of godliness.

When wilt thou come unto me? I will walk in my house with a perfect heart. I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness; there shall no such cleave unto me.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let

my crying come unto thee.

Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; incline thine ears unto me; when I call, O hear me, and that right foon.

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My days are gone like a shadow, and

I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever, and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

And I faid, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age: As for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my foul, and for-

get not all his benefits.

Which forgiveth all thy fin, and heal-

eth all thine infirmity.

Which faveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness.

He will not always be chiding, neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, so great is mercy also towards them that fear him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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### Confession to God the Father.

Lord Almighty, the God of our Fathers, and Lord of Mercy, who hast made Heaven and Earth, with whatsoever is therein; hast bounded the Sea by the word of thy Commandment; hast shut up the Deep, and seal'd it by thy mighty Power; at whose terrible and glorious Name all do fear and tremble; for the Majesty of thy Glory cannot be born, and thy angry Threatnings towards Sinners is insupportable; yet our Comfort is, that thy merciful Promises are unmeasurable and unsearchable, for Thou art the Lord God most High above all the Earth, long-fuffering, and most compassionate, and grieved at the Wickedness of Men: And thou, O Lord, according to thy great Goodness, and of thine infinite Mercies, haft appointed Repentance unto Sinners, that they might be faved. Therefore thou, O Lord, that art the God of the Just, hast not appointed Repentance to those which stand to justify themselves in thy fight; but thou haft appointed Repen-

Repentance unto me that am a Sinner; for I have finned, O Lord, I have finned above the number of the fands of the Sea: My Transgressions, O Lord, my Transgressions are multiplied, and are exceeding many, fo that I am not worthy to behold, or lift up mine Eyes unto the Heavens, for the multitude of my Offences. I have provoked thine Anger, O Lord, and done Evil before thee, in committing Abominations, and multiplying of my Sins: Now therefore I bow the knees of my Heart, beseeching thee for Grace: I have sinned, O Lord, I have finned, and I acknowledge my Wickedness, desiring thee to forgive me. O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine Iniquities, neither do thou always remember mine Evils to punish them; but fave me that am unworthy, according to thy great Mercies. And I most humbly befecch thee, O Lord, not to fuffer my Soul to perish, which Thou haft bought to dearly with thy most precious Blood; and make me poor in Spirit, and low of Heart, Submitting myself wholly into thy Hands; so as

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my Desire and my Delight may be always no do thy Will and Pleasure, which is always good and godly; and grant my poor Soul Rest in thee, for thou hast said, They shall never be confounded that put their trust in thee: Which Trust, good Lord, never suffer me to forfake for any vain Trust, Temptation or Tribulation, that may happen to vex my Soul; but grant me thy Holy Spirit to comfort and defend me from all things that should procure thy Difpleasure: Thou that art in Trinity one God and Lord over all, give ear to my Prayer, and pardon all my Sins, so shall I praise thee for ever and ever all the Days of my Life, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour; to whom be Glory for ever. Amen.

## A Prayer to Jesus Christ.

O Jesus, thou Son of God, have Mercy upon me, and forgive the great Offences which I have done in the sight of thee this Day; and give me Grace, O Lord, for the love of thee, to despite Sin and worldly Vany. O D 3 Jesus

Jesus, help me to overcome the Temptations of Sin, and the Malice of my spiritual Enemy; and strengthen my Soul and Body to exercise the Works of Virtue, whereby I may come to thy

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everlasting Joy and Felicity.

Grant me a firm Resolution, O merciful Jesus, to amend my Life, and to remove the Sins of my Youth far from me: Enlighten me with Ghoftly Wifdom, to know thy Goodness, and those things which are most acceptable unto thee; and give me Grace to fet a good and profitable Example, that none may be hurt, but many may be benefited and improved by me: Make me to proceed from Virtue to Virtue, until I be grown a perfect Man in thee. Let me not return to those Sins which have accused me, and with Sorrow have oppressed me: Let the horrible sentence of endless Death, the terrible Judgment of Damnation, thine Anger, Wrath, and Indignation, never fall upon me. Lord, give me Grace to fly evil Company; and when I come among them, I befeech thee to preserve me, that no occasion of Sin overcome

overcome me. Keep my Mouth, O Lord, from flanderous speaking, lying, bearing false Witness, Cursing, Swearing, uncharitable Chiding, dissolute Laughing, and words of Vanity. O fweet Jesus, make me to persevere in the bleffed Service of Thee, in holy Exercifes, and vertuous Meditations. Lord keep my Soul and Body, and make me to flee all finful Delights, and patiently to fuffer Injuries and Rebukes, in following thine own most holy and bleffed Example. Provide, good Lord, that Life for me which thou knowest most for thine Honour, and my comfortable Dependance upon thee: Jesus grant me, 'specially in the time of Prayer, to fix my Mind on thee; and do thou remember my Wretchedness. O may the Blood that ran from thy bleffed Heart, wash my Soul from all Sin and Iniquity, and bestow upon me thy Grace, faithfully to serve thee. O my Lord God, my Might, my Life, my Light, lead me, and be thou my Guide in this mortal State; and at the hour of Death, when I shall be accused before before thee, have Mercy upon me; fubdue my stubborn Heart, and make it obedient to thee. From fudden Death, and unprovided for, good Lord deliverme. By the Virtue of thy most excellent and glorious Divinity; by the Virtue of thine Incarnation, and by the Merits of thy Passion and Resurrection, grant me these Supplications which I have made to thee; And by thine own and only Mediation, purchase for me a gracious Life, and a bleffed Ending; and after my bodily Death give me everlafting Life with endless Bliss, that I may reign with thee for ever and ever, in the World to come. Amen.

A Prayer for the attaining of a free and quiet Mind.

Most gracious and merciful God, keep me, I beseech thee, from the Cares of this World, that I be never too much intangled therein, by reason of the manifold things which this Body needeth; nor taken with the vain Delight of that which doth hurt the Soul, nor finally born down and overwhelmed

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ed with Sorrow: I say, not from those things which the vain World doth greedily hunt after, but from those Miseries which suppress the Mind of thy Servant, by a common and penal course of Mortality, and so draw me aside, that I cannot enter into the freedom of thy Spirit. O my God, who art Sweetness unspeakable, make all fleshly Joy, which withdraweth me from the love of eternal things, to be grievous and odious unto me. Let not Flesh and Blood, O my God, let not Flesh and Blood overcome me: Let not the World, and the Vain-glory thereof, deceive me; norSatan with his Subtilty supplant me: Give me Strength to relift, Patience to endure, and Constancy to persevere unto the End. Grant me the most comfortable Ointment of the Holy Ghost; and for the Lust of the Flesh, pour on me the Love of thy Name. The very Meat, Drink, and Apparel, with other things necessary for the nourishment of the Body, are even burthensome to a fervent Spirit: But grant, O Lord, that I may use those things moderately, and never

Defire of them: All things are not to be rejected, for then Nature would decay. Again, to covet supersuous, and every pleasing thing, thy sacred Commandments forbid; for so the Flesh would insult over the Spiris: Wherefore between those things let thy Hand direct me, O Lord, and teach me to do nothing out of Measure. Grant this, O most merciful Father; to whom with the Son and the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory. Amen.

A Prayer for Hope and Comfort in time of Affliction.

O Eternal Father the Author and Giver of all Hope and Comfort, I befeech thee to fill me with all Joy and Peace, in believing, that I may abound in Hope, through the Power of the Holy Ghost: And above Hope, in Hope believing, may never doubt of thy Promises, but in sure considence of Heart, apply to myself the remission of my Sins, and believe verily that I please thee in Jesus Christ, looking in a certain

tain and strong Hope for the salvation of my Soul in the Life to come. And albeit the Helps and Happiness of this present World appear not unto me; yet I beseech thee, O Lord, let me retain a stedfast Hope among all the Terrors of Conscience, and never suffer the fame to be taken away from me by any Snare of Satan. O thou only begoten Son of God, which hast loved me, and given me everlasting Comfort in Hope through Grace, Comfort me, and establish my Heart in every good Word and Work, that I remain not in Uncertainty, neither be toffed between Hope and Fear; but may hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of Hope unto the End: And affift me, O my God and Father, I beseech thee, that in all the ways of Temptation and Troubles in this World, I may patiently depend on thee looking for Deliverance according to thy Will; and tho' the same come not as I wish, but be kept from me for a Season, yet let me never doubt of thine Aid and Deliverance, but hope that coming it will come. And I besesech thee, O Lord, to grant

me thy Grace; that having this Hope, I may purge my felf from all offensive Things to thee, and ferve thee my loving God, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, for ever. Amen.

## A Prayer against the Power of Satan.

Lord my God, how do we daily transgress the Measures of thy Will? We fin and provoke thee against our own Souls, over and over every Day: This is the Frailty of the Flesh, and this is the Weakness of all the Posterity of Adam: A miserable Cafe, O Lord! unless in thy Mercy thou wilt condescend to cover us with the white Raiment of thy Grace; that we being thine, may never despair for any Attempt of storming Satan, be it never so perillous. O Lord, fave me, in thy Mercy behold me, have Pity and Compassion upon me, and mark not my crooked Steps; but cast the Eye of thy Favour upon thy Son Christ, who was content to fuffer the bleeding Pains of the Cross, to satisfie thy Wrath, and to deliver us from the Sting

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E al of a hellish Conscience: I beseech thee, not to observe mine Iniquities, but to wash me from the Guiltiness of Sin in the Flood of thy Mercies, and so to save me, that being dead in Iniquity, and yet raised again from it by thine infinite Pity, I may give all Glory unto thee, and sing with our Mother, the Church, that Salvation belongeth unto thee (O Lord;) to whom be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## A Prayer for the Desire of a Godly Life.

O My Lord God, how happy were I, if I might never hereafter in Thought, Word, or Deed, commit what should displease thy Divine Majesty. That Life is the Longing of my Soul, and the Substance of my Wish, and the Effect of my Desire; my Heart coveteth to see that blessed Time, and my Joys then should be such, as no mortal Man can tell. Truly, Lord, to know thee, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, is the true Perfection of eternal Life, the End of all Blessedness, and the Sum of all Delights. No Eye hath seen, nor Ear hath

hath heard, nor hath it entered into the depth of any Man's Understanding, to value the inestimable Delight and Pleasure of that Felicity, when we shall behold the Majesty of God face to face.

And verily most glorious God, I have reposed this hope in my Heart, and do assure my self, through Faith in thee, that these Eyes wherewith I read these Lines, shall see that Glory, and this Flesh wherewith I am cloathed in Corruption, and made subject to Mortality, shall be a Member of that immortal Kingdom: Unto the which, Lord, at thy appointed Pleasure bring me; to whom, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, be all Power and Glory, for ever and for ever. Amen.

## An Evening Prayer.

Omnipotent and Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three in Persons, and one in Substance, and from Everlasting; I extol thy sacred Majesty, I praise thy unspeakable Mercy, thy Divine Truth I magnisse;

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for that of thy fatherly Goodness, thou hast graciously heard me at this time, giving me a penitent Heart, modestly to utter the same: Therefore will I praise thee for this, and all other thy Goodness this Evening; and going to Rest, I will give thee thanks, because thou hast kept me this Day of thine only Mercy, without any Merit of mine, from all Danger both in Soul and Body. O Christ and King of Glory, I befeech thee bless and defend me this Night; let my Rest be in thee; and grant me thy Grace, that neither much Sleep overwhelm me, nor Satan invade me, nor the Flesh betray me unto him. Let mine Eyes sleep, but let my Heart wake. O Lord lighten mine Eyes that I fleep not in Death, lest the subtil Tempter overtake me, and I Sleep a continual and perpetual Sleep, and awake no more: For thou art my everlasting Helper. Keep me as the Apple of thine Eye, hide me under the shidow of thy facred Wings (O Lord;) that neither ugly Visions, nor horrible Dreams, nor Frights, nor monstrous AppaApparitions trouble me in the Dark. In thy Name, O JESUS, will I go to Rest this Night: give Sleep unto mine Eyes, and Slumber to mine Eye-lids: compass me about, and raise me again to the joyful sight of to morrow Light; and after this my miserable Life, bring me to the beholding of eternal Happiness, that in thy Light I may see Light, and evermore praise thee for ever. Amen.

# Prayers for Tuesday Morning.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: Prepare my Heart, open my Lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.

### A PSALM.

Od, my heart is ready, my heart is ready; O Lord, I will fing and give praise with the best member I have.

I will fing and give thanks unto thee, Lord, among the people, and I will fing praises unto thee among the nations.

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For thy mercies are greater than the heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Set up thy self therefore, O God, above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered: Let thy right hand fave me, and hear thou me.

O help me against mine enemy, for

vain is the help of man.

Through God I shall do great acts, and it is he that shall tread down mine enemies.

And deal thou with me, O Lord God, according to thy name, for sweet

is thy mercy.

Then will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, fought out of all them that have plea-

fure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour, and his righteousness endureth for ever.

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The merciful and gracious Lord hath fo done his marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments

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He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverent is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do thereaster; the praise of it endureth for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### A Morning Prayer.

B Lessed be my Lord God, which doth wondrous Things; and blessed be the Name of his Majesty for evermore: Which hath set the Sun to lighten the Day, and ordained the Moon and the Stars to govern the Night. O most high God, which by thy unspeakable Wisdom hast distinguished the Day from the Night; and hast so decreed, that while the World shall last, this

this Course of Times and Days shall never have an End; so that Man in the Night may Rest, and in the Day labour until the Evening: For these and all other thy Benefits, I praise thy Name, and give thanks unto thee for thy great Glory. O God, the Guider of my Life, for sake me not; root out of me all filthy Lusts; remove from my Heart all inordinate Desires; and take from thy Servant all Haughtiness of Spirit, and fuffer me not to run headlong into Riot and Excess. Let not unlawful Love overcome me; and give not thy Servant over into an impudent Mind. Turn mine Eyes that they behold no Vanity; strengthen me in thy Way; and grant that mine Offences in this World overcome me not. And I befeech thee, O Lord, with a most ardent Affection, that this Day and ever thou wilt keep me and all mine; and that thou wilt be unto me a mighty Protector, a strong Tower of Defence, a Covering against the Heat, a Shadow at Noontide, a Defence from falling, an Assister from offending, a Comforter of my Soul, a Lightner of my Mind, a Giver of Health and Happiness in Christ Jesus my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all Glory, Honour and Power, for ever and ever. Amen.

## A Confession to God.

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O Lord, I am unworthy thy Comfort, or any spiritual Consolation, by reason of my Sins. That which I deserve, is Punishment, because I have so often offended thee, and in so many Things fo grievously sinned: and yet, O gracious and merciful God, who wilt not that thy Works should perish, but declareft the Richness of thy Goodness towards the Vessels of thy Mercy, far beyond the manner of Men. have I done, O Lord, that thou shouldst impart upon me any Spiritual Comfort at all? I have always been prone to Sin, and flow to Repent: And this is fo true, if I should deny it, that thou wilt find me Guilty, and no Mandurst stand up to excuse me: and therefore, O most dear Father, I do confess that I am worthy of all Reproach and Contempt, tempt, and most unworthy to live among thy Sons and Servants: Yea, and because it is true, I will yet confess my Wickedness, that so the sooner I may obtain Mercy at thy Hands. But what shall I (Wretch that I am!) fay, being full of all manner of Shame and Infamy? What shall I say? Nothing but this; I have finned, Lord, I have finned, have Mercy upon me, forgive me, fuffer me yet a while to bewail my Wretchedness, before I pass over into the Land of Promise, covered with the shadow of Death; for what else dost thou require of a guilty and miserable Man, but that he afflict and humble himself for his Sins? Forasmuch as from a true Repentance and Humility of Mind, ariseth hope of Pardon, and by it the troubled Conscience is relieved, the favour of God, which was loft, is recovered, and Man is preferved from the Vengeance to come; and both God and the forrowful Soul do joyfully meet together: With this true Repentance therefore endue me, good Lord, that I may do thy facred Will

Will in this Life, and in the Endenjoy everlasting Happiness in the World to come; through Jesus Christ my Saviour, to whom be all Glory, and Power, and Might, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for true Repentance to be purged of Sin.

Lord my God, what do I daily, but wander in the Field of Vanity? What is my Heart but a filthy Prifon of corrupt Thoughts? What is my Mouth, but a stinking Channel of vain Words? What are my Feet, but Chariots to Bloodshed? What are my Hands but the Authors of much Mischief? What is my Head, but a Treasury of wicked Devices? And what is my Life, but a Heap of Iniquity? I am nothing better than a dead Tree, the Root is perished, the Bough wither'd, being good for nothing but for the fury of the Flame: What then, good Lord, shall it be fo? What, shall I burn, sweet Jesus! O save me for thy Name's sake, and quicken me; create a new Heart within me, that I may bring forth much Fruit,

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Fruit, and for ever flourish, like a Tree planted by a River side. O pour the Oyl of Grace into my defiled Heart, and feafon it with the Salt of thy Mercy, lest the Fume of mine Iniquities afcend up to thy Nostrils, and provoke thy Fury against me. Pour down some Drops of thy precious Blood from the Clouds of thy Mercy, to quench the angry Flame of Sin, which of my felf I am not able to put out by the virtuous Water of any Merit. O Lamb of God, let me so eat thy Flesh, and drink thy Blood, as that I may live by thee: and cloath me in the Wool of thy Mercy, that no Winter or Storm of Sin do pinch my filly Soul. Thou, O God, art full of Compassion and Long-suffering, which continuest thy Mercy for Thousands, taking away Iniquities, Sins, and Offences. Thou callest us after thy wonted Mercy, by thy Word, to Repentance and hearty Conversion; for unto all and every one is Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins preached in thy Name; therefore unto thee, O most merciful Father, do I cry, desiring thee to look back upon me thy unworthy Servant, with the Eyes of Pity, even as thou lookedst back upon the finful Woman in the Banquet: Likewise favour thou me, O Lord, as thou didst the Publican, who standing afar off, smote his Breast, and said, Lord be merciful unto me a Sinner. And grant, O Lord, that among the Fears and Terrors of Conscience, I may take hold of thee by a lively Faith, and never in the fight of Conscience yield up my self, and despair; but that upholden by the Voice of the Gospel, I may flee unto thee my Redeemer, and have by Faith, Peace with God. And thou my Saviour which hast suffered for me in the Flesh, give me Grace, that likewise in the same Mind I may be arm'd for the mortifying of my Flesh; that henceforth I may live not after the Lusts of Men, but after the Will of God, and keep the Devil under (O Lord) that he compel not my troubled Conscience to despair, either by heaping or ripping up mine Offences, or extenuating thy Mercy: and grant that I may come unto

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TUESDAY Mounting. 91 unto thee by hearing thy Word unto Repentance, that thereby the Angels in Heaven may continually have occafion to rejoice before thee, which livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for the Aid of God's holy Spirit.

Dear Father, forasmuch as every Man living is of himself before thee but as a Beast, neither knowing thee, nor the things concerning their Duties unto thee; I, as one of the most perverse, filthy, and corrupt, do here humble myself before thee, begging at thy Hands, that which thou hast promifed to give unto as many as ask it of thee, thy holy Spirit, that heavenly Comforter, which revealeth thee and thy Will to the Simple and Ignorant, and which also stirreth up the Minds and inward Affections of thy Children to call upon thee, by preparing their Hearts, and opening their Mouths to celebrate thy Name; bestow it, good Father, bestow it upon me, thy unworthy Servant, and upon all thy

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thy Children; and grant that although all of us are of corrupt Affections, and polluted Lips, yet we may be sprinkled with that heavenly Hyssop, that we may have our Hearts cleanfed of the corrupt Affections of this World; and the Eyes of our Understanding opened, that we may fee the good things we should ask; and our Feet that are fettered with the Cares of vain things, may be set at Liberty, that we may walk the right way unto the Kingdom of Heaven; and that the Hands of our Souls may apprehend and take hold of the Righteousness of thy Son Jesus Christ; and by the Aid of the the same Spirit, we may cast off all Impediments, Lets, and Incumbrances that detain us from coming unto thee. Sanctifie me within and without; wash me and I shall be whiter than Snow; let thy Truth and thy Spirit meet together in my Soul, that my Prayers may enter into thy Presence, and that thine Ears may incline unto my humble Petition; fo shall I declare thy loving-kindness in the Morning, and thy Truth in the NightTUESDAY Mouning. 93

Night-season. Thou knowest whereof we be made; thou sergettest not that we are but Dust, and unprofitable Children, not sit, apt, nor able of our selves to pray unto thee, and praise thy Name: Therefore, good Lord, allure me unto thee, to seek thee; and grant that with my whole Heart and Mind, I may alwys rejoice and be comforted by thee, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for a due Acknowledgment of God in his Works.

Most mighty and eternal God, thou by the Creation of the World and all that therein is, hast sufficiently declared thyself to be the Everlasting and Almighty God; for that these things do far surpass the reach of Man's Wisdom: And not herein only hast thou declared thy self to be God; but in that also, that thou dost continually guide and govern the same, and all things by thee created. Seeing therefore, O most merciful Father, that we have both in our selves, and also in thy Creatures, so manifest Testimonies, that thou only,

O Lord, art that eternal and loving God, which dost reign in all thy Creatures, guiding and governing them by thy heavenly Providence; grant, I befeech thee, that in full affurance of Heart, I may not only acknowledge thee to be God eternal, who hast created all things; but also that thou, O Lord, doft govern all things, according to thy most blessed Will; so that nothing can be done in the whole World without thine appointment; and that thou haft fuch a fingular Care over thine Elect, that not so much an Hair of their Heads shall fall without thy Providence: Grant therefore, O Lord, I befeech thee, that I may hereof be fully affured in my Heart and Soul, and that I may in all my Doings fet thee before mine Eyes, acknowledging thee to be my only Lord and Father, and by the working of thy holy Spirit in me, I may be confirmed in Faith, comforted in Soul, and enlightned in Understanding; that always here on Earth I may glorifie thy holy Name, and after the Diffolution of this my mortal Body, I may

TUESDAY Mounting. 95 may attain everlasting Joy with thy Elect, in thy glorious Kingdom, for ever and ever. Amen.

### A very fruitful Prayer to God.

W E are all Publicans, O Lord; open the Ears of thy Favour unto our Cry, and have Mercy upon us, have Mercy upon us; we fin daily, but yet fave us, of pity fave us. O shew thy Compassion upon me, and let me not die a Judas's Death; let me never tune the doleful Song of Cain; but engrave in my Heart a full and lively Faith in thee; that never doubting of thy bounteous Mercy, I may, with a free Conscience, set Satan at defiance, and all his hellish Band: O merciful Lord, hear this my Cry, and defend me with thy Grace against the Power of Satan, who cruelly roareth, and lurketh in every corner of malicious Subtilty, to tear me with the Claws of his Fury and merciless Envy: Defend me with Faith against him. O Lord, lay the Plaister of Comfort to my wounded Conscience, and cover me with the E 3 Wings Wings of thy favour, that I may live and die in thee; and so be blessed for ever; to whom, O Father, with thy dear Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all Power for ever. Amen.

### A Prayer to Jesus Christ.

O My Lord God, and sweet Saviour Jesus Christ, grant unto me most frail Sinner, and miserable Wretch, thy Grace and Mercy; and that I may ever have present before the Eyes of my Soul, thy most holy Life and Converfation; and that to the utmost of my Power, I may in Life and Manners follow the fame: And grant me, good Lord, to improve, grow, and increase therein, to fuch Perfection as may be acceptable unto thee, for the Salvation of my Soul: Enlighten Lord, and make clear and bright my Heart with the glorious Light of thy Grace, that it may ever go before me, and follow me in all my Acts; fo that by thy Conduct and Guiding, I may accomplish and fulfil all that may please thy Goodness, and utterly eschew and avoid the contrary

trary; and vouchfafe, fweet Saviour, fo to order and direct all my Thoughts and Meditations, all my Speech and Words, all my Acts and Deeds, by thy Law and Commandments, and by thy Admonitions and Counfel; and so take me (good Lord) unto thee, that here in all things doing thy Will, I may by Grace become one of thy saved Souls, to live with thee, my Redeemer, for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Prayers for Tuesday Night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed
be thy Name for ever: Prepare
my Heart, and open my Lips, &c.

#### A PSALM.

MY God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me, and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry unto thee in the day-time, but thou hearest not; and in the night-season also I take no rest.

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thou worship of Israel.

Wherefore unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my foul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

O remember not the fins and offences of my youth, but according to thy

mercy, think thou on me.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth?
O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep thy fervant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled and in-

nocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be always acceptable in thy fight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

For thy name's fake, O Lord, be

merciful unto my sin; for it is great.

Look upon mine adversity and mise-

ry, and forgive me all my fins.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee; have mercy upon me, and hear me.

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O hide not thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of

my falvation.

I should utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to see the goodness of

the Lord in the land of the living.

Therefore shall every good Man sing of thy praise without ceasing, O my God, and I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Glory, &c.

A Prayer for the Remission of Sins.

Most loving and bountiful Father, for a smuch as it is most meet, right, just, and requisite, that all Flesh should praise, magnisse, and worship thee, and should, without ceasing, give thanks unto thee, who only art the Creator and Maker of all Things; who of thine own Mercy and Goodness, didst send down thine only begotten Son, to take our Nature upon him, and to suffer Death for our Sins, thereby to make an Attonement for the Offences which

Man had committed against thee: And all this thou didst of thine exceeding Bounty and Kindness, without any Defert of Mankind, not being so much as by any one Prayer, or yet treaty thereunto incited: I being therefore, O dear Father, imboldened by fuch an ineftimable Benefit, so freely given and bestowed, do without any fear at this time appear before thy Divine Majesty, prostrating my self before the Seat of thy Mercy, and with all humility of Heart and Mind do make this my Prayer unto thee: Despise me not, O Lord, being defiled with Sin and Iniquity; be merciful unto me a Sinner; enlighten the dim Eyes of my Mind; open the dull Ears of my Heart, that I may both fee and hear, and understand that which thou teachest, and do always that which thou commandest; and that I be not only a Hearer of thy Word, but a Pradifer of the same in my Life and Conversation. Save and defend me from all Shame and Reproach; be thou my Shield and Buckler against all Temptations; cleanse my Mind and Thoughts from

from all Uncleanness; keep and preferve me from all Danger both in Body and Soul, and guide me with thy Grace, fo to spend this my small, short and transitory time in this World, that I may be a true Member of Christ, and Partaker of thy eternal Felicity: To the which, feeing that by mine own weakness I shall never be able to aspire, I do here, O Lord, take hold of that Promise of thine, where thou hast said. Come unto me all ye that Labour, and I will refresh you: This is my Refuge, this is my Anchor and Stay, for verily, fweet Saviour, when I look upon mine own Frailty, and behold how ready I am to offend, then I quake for fear: but as foon as I call to mind thy great Love and Kindness, and that thou wilt not the death of a Sinner, but at what time soever he doth heartily repent, call upon thee, and turn unto thee, then thou wilt hear him; then I am relieved, then I am not a little comforted, knowing furely that Thou wilt perform that which thou hast promised: In faithful affurance whereof, I now fay unto

unto thee, turn thou me, O my God, and I shall be turned: Be favourable unto me, O Lord, be favourable unto me thy Servant, and heal my Soul, which is wounded with Sin; for I do acknowledge mine Iniquity, and am heartily forry for mine Offences, through which lhave either in Word or Deed, Thought, or any other kind of way offended thee; blot them out of thy Remembrance, and let the Blood of that immaculate Lamb, Jesus Christ, wash them all away. Let mine old Offences decay and die in me, that I never commit them any more, or by any means renew them in thy fight. And in the mean time do not withdraw thy Grace from me, but cause me to do all that good is. O Father remove thy Wrath away from me, and restore me to thy Favour: turn thou thy loving Countenance unto me, and plentifully pour forth thy Mercy upon me: Guide thou my Foot-steps in thy Paths, and suffer me not at any time to stray from thy Ways: make me always to have the fear of thee in my Heart; and if at any time

time through Weakness and Frailty I do transgress thy Commandments, yet do thou not therefore, good Lord, reject me, but be thou that good Samaritan, and pour the Oil and Wine of Mercy and Forgiveness into those Wounds which Sin shall make in me: make me thy Servant, and so endue me with thy Grace, that I may unfeignedly with Heart and Voice serve, honour, and praise thee, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour, to whom be Praise and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer setting forth the Power of God's Grace.

Lord my God, who hast created me after thine own Image; give me thy Grace which is most excellent and necessary to Salvation, that I may subdue my wicked Nature, drawing me always unto Sin and Destruction: for I see in my Flesh the Law of Sin rebelling against the Law of my Mind, and leading me Captive to the satisfying of my vain Desires in many Things: So that without the assistance of thy most heaven-

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heavenly Grace, mercifully poured intomy Mind, I am unable to relift the Assaults thereof, whereby my Nature, prone to all Impiety even from my Youth, may be fubdued and overcome. For Nature being fallen through the Offence of the first Man, and defiled through Sin, the Punishment whereof hath redounded unto all Mankind, that which at the first thou didst make good and righteous, is now counted for the Sin and Infirmity of the corrupt Nature; infomuch as the Motions left unto it tend always unto evil and inferiour Things: Hence, O Lord, it is, that touching the inward Man, I am delighted with thy Law, knowing that thy Statutes are good, righteous and holy; and that they reprove Wickedness, and teach that which is to be avoided; but in my Flesh serve the Law of Sin, whilst I obey the Appetite more than Reason: Hence it is, that to will and purpose is present with me; but alas I am very backward to perform: Hence it is, that oftentimes I resolve to do many Things well; but because thy

thy heavenly Favour and Grace is wanting, which might help mine Infirmity, I flee back and retire. Hence indeed it is, that I know the way of Righteousness, and see, as it were, in a Glass what my Duty is; but through the weight of my Sin overpowering me, I have no power to arife unto Perfection: O Lord, how miferably do I lack thy Grace, both to begin what is Good, and also to proceed thoroughly inGoodness: For without it I can do nothing, but through the help thereof, I can do all Things. O grant me this heavenly Grace, without which nei-ther the Works of Man, nor the Gifts of Nature are of any value. For the Gifts of Nature are common, as well to the Wicked as to the Good; but thy Grace is a Gift peculiar only to the Elect, which whoso have, are counted meet, and worthy of eternal Life. Finally it is so excellent, that without doubt, neither the gift of Prophecy, nor the working of Miracles is any thing worth: Yea, neither Faith nor Hope, nor any other Virtue are of Price,

Price, or accepted of thee, without Love and Grace. O bleffed Grace, which maketh him rich with Vertue who is poor in Spirit, come, O come down unto me, and fill me early with thy Comfort, that my Mind with weariness and hunger faint not. O Lord, I befeech thee impart thy Grace unto me, that is sufficient for me, though I have nothing in me else that Nature would require; yea I protest, if that be with me, I will dread no Temptation nor Trouble whatfoever: this is my Strength, that bringeth Counsel and Help; yea, it is both mightier than all Enemies, and wifer than the Prudent: it is the Mystery of Truth, the Teacher of Discipline, the Light of the Mind, the Comforter in Affliction, the Expeller of Sadness, the Remover of Care, and the Nourisher of Religion. Without it what am I but a rotten Branch, or a Root most unprofitable, and fit only to be cast away? Wherefore, O Lord, let this thy Grace both prevent and follow me, that fo I may continually apply my felf to Well-doing

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TEUSDAY Dight. 107 ing, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all Honour and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for a competent Livelihood.

Almighty God, and loving Father, who of nothing hast created all Things living; thy Providence is fo great over them all, that thou fufferest not the most vile and simplest of them all to perish for want of Relief, and things requisite for them, seeking the same at thy Hands; yea, and such is thy favour, O Lord, towards Man, that thou dost in a wonderful manner provide for him, in that all the rest of thy Creatures thou haft ordained for his Use and Service, and yet not for all alike; for it hath pleased thee to make fome Poor, and some Rich; some thou Exaltest, and some thou keepest Low; fome being to live at Ease, and some by Labour, and yet none live without thy Providence: And I among the rest of thy Creatures, do acknowledge my felf deeply indebted to thee, for helping me hitherto. And as thy filly Crea-

Creature and Work of thy Hands, I humbly prostrate my self in Heart before thy Majesty, beseeching thee favourably to look down upon my Neceffity, and grant me whatfoever thou feest necessary for me, even a competent and necessary Portion here, not overmuch, lest I wax proud, and disdain my Inferiours; and if it be thy Will vouchsafe unto me, not over-little, least urgent Necessity drive me to overmuch Care, and overmuch Care carry me to unlawful Means, and fo I run headlong into the Pit of Destruction; but by Truth in my Calling, I may be able to live and wade through the hardness of this World, and be rather helpful to the Poor, than burthensome O Lord bring it thus to to the Rich. pass; for without thy Blesling and Fatherly furtherance, I cannot fufficiently execute, neither can that prosper, whereupon the whole State of my Living and Maintenance dependeth. Wherefore, good Lord, blefs my Understanding and Endeavours, to the prosperous execution of all Things which concern my Vocation

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## A Prayer for Ability to Subdue our Affections.

Lord, mighty and merciful, who didst create Man, in the Beginning, simple, sincere, and without spot of Sin; in which his Integrity and Innocency, he then represented thy divine Majesty, being made after thine own Image, which was pure and without spot of Sin: and yet such was Man, that he fell from thee by Disobedience, where-

whereby he corrupted his Ways, and became very unlike thee, being defiled with all Vanities, wherein alas! we all of us wallow the most with greediness: Wherefore most dear Father, in Jesus Christ, create in me new Thoughts, new Affections; produce in me true Obedience, that I may mortifie and kill all Sin, and vain Inclinations, which rife up against Thee: Let Sin no longer reign in me, O Lord, but let thy Grace more and more abound, that all that I think, speak, or do, may favour more of the defire of Heaven and heavenly things, than of earthly and carnal Enjoyments; that fo I may be approved, not only before Men, to be as I ought, but to thee to be as Thou requireft; to whom, O Lord, be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for the King's Majesty.

O Lord Almighty, the Governour, Preserver, and continual Protector of Princes, to whose Beck and Will all Kingdoms of the Earth are subject; look in Mercy and Favour, O Lord, I beseech befeet vant, and it and to Dang unto Unde defende in en conference conference

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befeech thee, upon the State of thy Servant, our dear Sovereign Lord K. George, and his Royal Issue; be thou unto him and them a safe Resuge in all time of Danger; and let thy holy Spirit be unto him a continual Guide in all his Undertakings: direct him to comfort, desend and support us, and either to bring our Enemies to a perfect Peace, in embracing the Truth with us, or confound their Power and Devices for ever. Amen.

#### An Evening Prayer.

O Heavenly Father, and eternal God, I Honour thee, I Praise thee, I yield thee most hearty Thanks for all thy Benefits; and at this time especially, O Lord, because thou hast patiently and attentively heard my Petitions, and hast given me Sobriety and Lowliness of Mind, to offer them up to thee with Reverence and Fear. I bless thee, my everlasting God, and with all my Heart give thee Thanks, for that thou hast saved me this Day from Death, from Hurts, and from all Perils; hast

haft defended both my Soul and Body from all Misfortunes and Dangers: Therefore my Soul magnifieth the Lord, and my Spirit rejoiceth in God my Saviour, who hath thus graciously looked upon the Afflictions of thy Servant. And now, according to thy wonted Goodness, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; hearken, O God, for thy Name fake, which is called upon by me. O God of Heaven and Earth, in the Evening do I call upon thee, that remitting my Sins, thou wouldst receive me into thy Protection, and keep me this Night, that the Devil have no Power over me; for thou, O Lord, art my everlasting Protector, and whether I sleep or wake, whether I live or die, I am always thine. Let thy Mercy follow me, O Lord, all the Days of my Life, that I may dwell in thy House, and praise thee; and that I may in acknowledging thy Greatness, confess my sinful and wretched Weakness: And visit me, O Lord, and protect me from all the Affaults of mine Enemies, both Bodily and Ghostly; and let thy holy

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WEDNESDAY Monning. 113 holy Angels be with me, and keep me this Night, and evermore in thy Peace; and let thy Blessing be upon me now and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

# Prayers for WEDNESDAY Morning.

O Lord, my God and Father, blessed be thy Name for ever, prepare my Heart, and open my Lips, &c.

#### A PSALM.

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion: Deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear unto me, make hast to deliver me.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit; for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

I have hated them that hold of superstitious vanities; and my trust hath been in the Lord. I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy; for thou past considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversity.

Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance; and save me for thy mer-

cies fake.

Ohow plentiful is thy goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee.

Wherefore I will confess my wickedness, and be forry for my fin: I will take heed unto my ways, that I offend

not in my tongue.

Therefore withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord; but let thy loving kindness and thy truth always preserve me.

For my soul is a-thirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of

God ?

As the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

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Wherefore fend out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within

me?

O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, and to the

Son, and to the Holy Ghost, &c.

#### A Morning Prayer.

O Most merciful and loving Father, I thank thee for the sweet Sleep and comfortable Rest that thou hast given me this Night: and forasmuch as thou hast commanded by thy holy Word, that no Man should be idle, but diligently employed in godly and virtuous Exercises, every Man according to his Calling; I most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that thine Eyes may attend upon me; that thy Grace may daily desend me in Danger, may succour, cherish, and comfort me in all my Needs F

and Distresses; and may govern all Counfels and Studies, and Labours, in fuch wife, that I may fpend this Day according to thy blessed Will, and the discharge of mine own Conscience in thee; that warily avoiding all things that may displease thee, and setting always before mine Eyes thy Fear, I may (thy Grace affifting me, and thy holy Spirit guiding me) work that which is acceptable before thy divine Majesty, unto thy Praise and Glory for ever. Amen.

#### A fruitful Confession to God for Sins committed.

Gracious God, have Mercy upon me, have Mercy upon me; look favourably upon me; incline thine Ears towards me, and hide not thy Face now my Soul is troubled. O Almighty God, from whose Sight there is no Covert, and against whose Power there is neither Resistance nor Flight; I beseech thee to cast off the blind Burthen of fleshly Affections; subdue my Reason; regulate my Will; purifie my Nature; rectifie

WEDNESDAY Morning. 117 rectifie my Desires, that I may seek thee; enlighten my Understanding, that I may see thee; for I can neither seek thee, unless thou direct me; nor see thee, except thou reveal thy felf to me. Lord, forgive mine Ignorance; forget my Prefumption; pardon mine Iniquities; relieve my Necessities; let my Sins no longer be a Cloud between my Prayers and thy Pity; between thy Goodness and my Distress: Most gracious God, who art merciful towards all, fuffer me not to be destitute of thy Mercy: For although I have committed that whereby I may be destroyed, yet hast thou neither cast off nor forgotten that whereby thou art wont to fave. O Wretch that I am, how coldly do I cry! how weakly do I crave! how fenfeless is my unclean Soul! Alas I am nothing but Vanity; a rotten Root, without any Life or Virtue; a barren Ground, bringing forth nothing but Sin, Shame, and Damnation: I am unable either to give thee any thing, but of thine own, or do any thing for myself, but by thy free Gift: Wherefore, O my

my fweet Saviour, by thy tender Love, and by all thy Mercies, reach hither thy helping-Hand, and draw my Soul out of the Mire of Sin, wherein it is fast set, that I perish not in the Prefence of thy Pity. Deliver me from the Snares that the Enemy hath laid to take the Soul of Sinners, either wilful or fecure.

Put away all Occasions of Evil from before me; guide me in the streightest way to thee; and fo long as I am to continue in this vile Vale of Misery, fettle me in that State of Life wherein I may best please thee. Give me Grace, O gracious God, that although I have hitherto not minded to live well, yet I may now wholly and holily bend my Care to die well; and that from henceforth I may live in thy Fear, and die in thy Favour, rest in thy Peace, and remain in thy Joy for ever. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Patience.

Most gracious and omnipotent Father, whose Mercy is everlasting, and Power infinite, bow down thine Ear.

WEDNESDAY Morning. 119 Ear, and hearken unto my Prayer which I make before thee, befeeching thee of thy accustomed Goodness, to endue me with the Works of Mercy and Deeds of Charity; but above all things, to give me Patience in Adversity, meekly to fuffer, and fubmissively to bear whatsoever it shall please thee to lay upon me, and never to murmur or to grudge thereat, but always to think thy loving and gentle Correction, to be much less than the Deferts of my great and manifold Offences: And again, that if I be not under Correction, then am I not thy Child! for what Father is he that correcteth not his Children whom he most entirely loveth? This then is a most evident token that thou lovest us, when as thou correctest us: For as the Scripture faith; Whom God loveth, bim be chasteneth. Thou seest all things; Thou understandest and knowest all things; fo that not fo much as one little Sparrow lighteth upon the Ground without thy Knowledge; yea, and our very Thoughts are fore-known unto thee: Thou disposest and orderest all things things as feemeth best to thy holy Will and Pleasure. By thy help I may do all things, but without thee I can do nothing. When thou pourest upon us thy Creatures thy good Gifts and Benefits, Thou doft it to this End; that we acknowledging the fame, should thereby be encouraged to Serve, Honour, and Obey thee; and contrarywife, when thou strikest us with thy Rod of Correction, thou dost it to put us in mind that we have transgressed thy Commandments; that we have not hearkened unto thee, but willingly fallen into the Puddle of Sin, and following our own Appetites, have provoked thy just Wrath and Indignation against Thus thou dealest with us, O Lord, to the intent, that we fuffering bodily Punishment, and feeling the fmart of the same, may thereby be admonished of our Duties, and with true Compunction of Heart, desire to be released from the Scourge that we have deserved. This, O heavenly Father, I acknowledge to be our Duty; but alas, I for my part have not performed the fame

WEDNESDAY Mouning. 121 fame as I ought; yet, I befeech thy Goodness not to execute the rigour of thy Justice upon me, but to stay thy Hand; and before thou give me any greater Wound, to behold my Humility and Repentance: and here I do offer thee, O Lord, according as the poor Widow did, all which I am able to give; that is, a forrowful Contrition of Heart for my former Offences done and past: Wherefore, I beseech thee to give me Grace, that what way soever it shall please thee to punish me, I may take it patiently, and fay, Naked I came into this world, and naked I shall return to the earth again: The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, even as it pleaseth the Lord, so be it. Suffer me not, O Lord, to defpair, or to think that thou dealest unjustly with me; but fay, Shall I rereceive prosperity at the Lord's bands, and not be content with adversity? And always to think upon this, Happy are they whom thou dost punish; for tho' Thou makest a Wound, Thou also givest a Plaister: though Thou smitest, F 4 thy thy Hand maketh whole again: Mine Iniquities are great, be thou merciful unto my Wickedness; O deliver me from thine Anger, and press me not further than I shall be able to bear : but now I acknowledge, that whatfoever Trouble thou hast sent me, or wilt lay upon me, is either for the punishment of mine Iniquities, or for the trial of my Constancy, I may with repentant David, find Remission of my Sins; and with patient Job, Release of mine Advertity, and obtain fuch Favour in thy Sight, that I may so pass this Life, that I may afterwards live with thee in thy eternal Glory. Grant this, O most loving Father, for thy dear Son's fake Jesus Christ; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### A Prayer for Humility.

My sweet Saviour Jesus, it is thine own Lesson; Be bumble and meek, as I am: It is thy Word also; My Sheep hear my Voice. But Lord, what shall I do? The Flesh is proud, I dai-

WEDNESDAY Mouning. 123 I daily rebel against thy holy Will; I envy my Superiors; I love not my Equals; I despise mine Inferiors: This is the Fruit of the Flesh, O Lord; but thou art Love and Life, O loving Jefus; and therefore I befeech thee of thy tender Love to pity me, and to vouchsafe me the true humility of Mind, that being poor in Spirit, I may with the little ones of thy Kingdom, be bleffed and live for ever. O Lord, in order to the rooting out of me all Pride and Self-conceit, give me thy Grace to consider, that hereby an Angel became a Devil, and Man was excommunicated from the Paradise of Pleasure: Defire of Sovereignty begat the Devil, Sin, Death, and Damnation; so that out of it, as a most filthy Puddle, issu'd a whole Sea of Mischief and Misery. Of this Cup of Pride our first Father Adam drank, when by his Disobedience he lost thy Favour, and by the taste of an Apple, thought to be like thee in knowing of Good and Evil: Give me thy Grace not only to consider this, but also fully to digest it; that detesting

it as a venemous Viper, I may in humbleness of Heart serve thee holily and uprightly, without Hypocrisie, who art the Pattern of Lowliness, and a most ilustrious Example of Humility, continually to be admired, and truly to be sollowed. O Life and and Lover of Souls, give me Grace always to hear, and hearing thy Word, to follow thee my Lord and God, both now and for ever. Amen.

### A Prayer for the Fear of God.

Almighty and eternal God, thy holy Word teacheth us, that thou art not only a Father, but also a Lord; not only a Forgiver, but also a Revenger; not only a Saviour, but also a Judge: And as thou being a Father, a Saviour, and Forgiver, dost pardon and shew Mercy; so thou being a Lord, a Revenger, and a Judge, punishest and condemest: Neither doth thy holy Word set forth unto us a Gospel which comforteth us, quickneth us, sheweth us joyful Tidings, quieteth our Con-

WEDNESDAY Mouning. 125 Consciences, and bringeth us unto everlasting Life; but also a Law, which reproveth, accuseth, condemneth, woundeth, and flayeth our Consciences, yea, and throweth us down head-long into everlasting Perdition; so that by this we may fee, that we may not only love thee as as a Father, Saviour, and Forgiver; but also fear thee as a Lord, a Revenger, and a Judge. For a fmuch therefore, O most gentle Saviour, and most righteous Judge, as nothing doth fo mightily put away Sin, and make us to walk in the way of thy Commandments, as reverently to fear thee and to stand in awe of thy Judgments and heavy Displeafuure: I most entirely pray and beseech thee, to give me that Fear which thou requireft of us in thy holy Word, and whereunto thou hast promised so many large and bounteous Benefits, that I may not only love thee as a Father, and honour thee as a Saviour, but reverence thee as a Lord, and fear thee as a Judge. O Lord, all Things are open to thine Eyes; neither is any thing hid from Thee, who feeft the most

most inward Thoughts and Secrets of our Hearts. Give me Grace, O Lord, I beseech thee, that in all my Enterprifes, I may ever fet thy Fear before mine Eyes, and fo stand in Awe of Thee, and of thy righteous Judgments, that I attempt nothing whereby I should provoke thy heavenly Difpleafure against me; but may fo walk in thy Fear, and in thy holy Ordinances, that I may at all times love thee as a Father, honour thee as a Saviour, reverence thee as a Lord, and fear thee as a Judge; fo shall it come to pass, that I reverently loving thee, as a Child doth his Father, shall not only avoid all such Evils as might make thee my incenfed Lord and fearful Judge, but also embrace those Virtues, which shall both evidently declare my faithful Love, true Honour, unfeigned Reverence, and humble Fear towards thee; and also thee, my Lord and loving Father, and most merciful Saviour; to whom be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for the Desire of Heavenly Things.

My God, O the sweet Life of my Soul! what other Thing besides thee ought I to look after; what ! have I not all Things if I do possess thee who hast created all Things? There is nothing of any Estimation, but what thou hast made; for whatsoever Comliness, Pleasantness, Fineness, Sweetness, Virtue, Dignity or Riches, confifteth in any Creature, the same proceedeth only from thee, O God, and all Things do plentifully descend upon thy Servants. O Creator most Excellent, thou art the Pleasure of all Things, thou art the abundant Fulness of persect Joy, and the unmeasurable Sea of all holy Delight: Thou art that Light and incredible Clearness and surpassing Brightness, which they do hear, see, tafte and feel, that are inwardly joyned unto thee, through exceeding purity of Heart, while they yet remain in this present Exile: The loving Embraces, or the affectionate Kisses of the Mother,

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Mother, appealing the weeping of her tender Child; or the pleasant Countenance of the Husband towards his loving Wife, are but poor Shadows, and of no Value, in Respect and Consideration of the sweet Endearments, wherewith thou, O Lord, dost atture the Souls of those that love thee. But if poor banished Men can be so blessed and happy, and can fee fuch incomparable Goodness, who see thee but in a dark shadowed Glass; how much happier must those thy holy Citizens be, who see thee Face to Face? Those thy beloved Children, do now experimentally, to their unspeakable Satisfaction, know and feel how much thou favourest and lovest them, and from the Beginning hast loved them: Thou, O Lord, qualifieft, disposeft, inakest glad, refreshest all the Hearts and Wills, filling them with Joy and Comfort at the Light of thy Countenance: Thou, O eternal God, art their All in All, in that most holy City of the New Jerusalem: That was the happy Day to them, wherein they were then admitted

WEDNESDAY Morning. 129 ted into thy immediate Presence; the fingular Day, whereof thou, O Lord Jesus, hast spoken to thy Disciples: In that day you shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you: O Day so much wished for with most hearty desire! wherein the holy Souls shall be united unto thee, O God, and shall be inspired with a marvellous Light of Wisdom, and transformed into the brightness of eternal Glory. O blessed Jesus grant I beseech thee, that though I am in the darkness of this mysty Desart, yet the Eyes of my Mind may behold and contemplate thy most shining Light and Brightness in such a manner, as that I mayat length attain to thy heavenly Kingdom, and may incessantly praise thee for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to God for Zeal in Prayer.

My God, and Father, I befeech thee, that if at any time I fell in my felf any Faintness or want of Fervency in calling upon thee, thou wilt kindle within my Heart the heavenly Heat

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Heat of thy most holy Spirit, that I may burn with Zeal and Longing after thee and thy holy House: and grant me thy Grace, O Lord, to cry with thy holy Apostle for the increase of Faith; that being awaken'd and stirr'd up by thy most tender and fatherly Affection and Instigation, I may enjoy the Effect of all my godly and necessary Defires, which thou hast promised to give unto me in thy Son Jesus Christ; for whose sake I expect all good Things at thy Hands: Make my Heart the undefiled Instrument of Peace and perfect Thoughts, and my Tongue the Trumpet of thine eternal Praise, my Body the Habitation of the Holy Ghost, mine Eyes the Windows to behold the right way that leads to thee, my Legs the Supporters of my Body and Soul, towards the attaining of thy heavenly Kingdom: O Lord, thou knowest my hearty Desire is always to serve thee, and evermore to abide in thy Love and Favour; grant me, Lord, of thy gracious Goodness, that I may live in thy Law, walk in thy Way, and die in thy Faith;

WEDNESDAY Moning. 131 Faith; and that I may be delivered from the bondage of Sin, and the fear of Death and Damnation: Give me that Peace which the World cannot give; grant me that Joy which thine Elect posses, and which the World cannot take away from them. Support me with those Comforts which will never fail; endue me with that Hope that always shall continue; instruct me with thy Word that shall endure for ever; and advance me to thy Kingdom that never shall have End: Then shall thy Glory still live in me, and I shall never die, but reign with thee for ever; to whom, O Father, be all Honour and Glory, World without End. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

# Prayers for WEDNESDAY Night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: Prepare my Heart, and open my Lips, &c.

#### A PSALM.

Lord my God, thou hast searched me out, and known me; thou knowest my down-sitting, and my uprising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed, and spyest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my Tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

My reins are thine; thou hast co-

vered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works, and that my foul knoweth right well.

My bones are not hid from thee, though I be made fecretly, and fashio-

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Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book were all my members written:

Which day by day were fashioned,

when as yet there was none of them.

O how dear are thy counsels unto me, O God! O how great is the sum of them!

O enter not into judgment with thy fervant; for in thy fight shall no man

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Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly; preserve me from wicked men, which are purposed to overthrow my goings.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; and the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips.

O let not my heart be inclined to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in ungodliness with the men that work wickedness, lest I do such things as please them.

But teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God,

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let thy loving spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Prayer for Mortification.

Righteous God, and merciful Father, who art so Pure and Clean, that no Corruption resteth in thy Sight: and fince there is required in all Men the fincere and inward Zeal of the Soul, and an absolute Destruction of the Motions of the Flesh, and mortifying of all carnal Affection, look favourably upon me, O Lord, in whom doth dwell an innumerable troop of vain Imaginations, and Desires, and an heap of sinful Affections. I find and feel, O Lord, that though many times to will be prefent with me, yet to perform is not in my Power; Sin doth prevail, and Death through Sin swalloweth me up: I am yet in Darkness, and too prone to hearken to the Dictates of mine own perverse Will; and such is my miserable Estate, that being thus ill-disposed, Flesh and Blood flattereth it self, and

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and concludeth, that whatfoever the Bent and Tendency of my Soul be, fo that it break not forth into open gross Wickedness, I am holy enough, am as fincere as is requisite, and am sufficiently fearful of thy Judgment. Whereas thou knowest, O Lord, that all and every the least finful Inclination, if it break forth into Action, how fecretly foever, or in whatfoever Degree, by and by endangereth my Soul, and deferveth fudden Judgment: And therefore, O Father, feeing thy dear Son, through thy furpaffing Love, hath reconciled all unto thy Favour again, that are truly penitent, let thy holy Spirit continually work in me, to the taming of my unbridled Flesh; and let me, by the same Spirit, come to a true Mortification of all the Evils that rife up in me: So shall I deny and forfake my felf, and follow thee; fo shall I leave my self, and come to thee; hate my felf, and love thee; conquer my felf, and ferve

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out the continual working of thy Grace, I cannot in any measure suppress my Desires, but that they rather encrease in Strength, and are more prevalent with me. I cannot deny my felf, but am apt rather to relist the working of thy Grace in me; I do not only not mortifie my Sins, but Sin rather reviveth and becometh strong in me, in as much as it bringeth forth Fruit, not unto Life, but unto Death: Therefore I befeech thee, O heavenly Father, to sanctifie me, that I defile not my self with the filthiness of the Flesh, nor fleshly Things, howsoever they may feem to please me: Let me not be deceived with the pleasing Judgments of worldly Men, who affirm Sin to be no Sin, Darkness to be Light, and Light to be Darkness, Atheism to be Religion, and Sanctity to be Sin. O dear Father, many are the Enormities that rife up in us, and are too often defended not only as Things tolerable, but as Things laudable: Wherefore I beseech thee to mortifie these Evils, and let me no longer be beforted with the filthy Fashions

WEDNESDAY Might. of this World: Extinguish the Flames of carnal Lusts; repress the raging Defires of the Flesh; and grant that I may with Shame, and with due Watchfulness avoid all Things that have but the appearance of Evil; and these being inwardly fubdued, I may outwardly own and profess, that whatsoever I do, is fimply grounded upon a good Conscience. And let me still retain this in Memory, O Lord, that I cannot follow mine own Will and thy Word; that I cannot impart my Affections to the Deeds of the Flesh, and the Works of the Spirit; that I cannot walk in Darkness and Light, in the Way of Death, and in the Path of Life. Wherefore. O most dear Father, direct me in the whole course of my Conversation; separate me from the World, and worldly Things; and let me dwell with thee in all godly Meditations and Contemplations. O let me use the Things of this World, as if I used them not: and being thus truly mortified in the Body, and quickned in the Spirit, grant I may continually wait for, and expect the Diffolu-

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Dissolution of this my mortal Body, that my Soul may ascend thither where thou art, and in the end, both Soul and Body may for evermore enjoy the eternal Bliss and Glory of Heaven.

Amen.

### A Prayer against Desperation.

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Most merciful God, greatly have I finned, and alas am guilty of many Crimes: Therefore unto thee do I cry, O most holy Father and eternal God; keep me in thy Name, that in whatfoever Temptations and Extremities, my Courage may never fail me. Moderate and mitigate my Vexations; let them come to a joyful End, that I fall not into the most heinous Sin of Incredulity and Despair. O Christ Jefus, Saviour of the World, whose Mercies flow upon us like a Stream, and who art my eternal Happiness; I do from the bottom of my Heart beseech thee to increase Faith, establish Hope, and strengthen Patience within me; for this certainly is true, that one little drop of thy facred Blood shed for us, is of more Power y,

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Power to fave us, than all our enormous Sins to condemn us: Wherefore, O fweet Saviour, look upon me with the Eyes of thy Mercy, as thou lookedst back upon Peter in the Hall of the High-Priests Palace, after he had both Renounced thee, and Cursed himself. O God the Holy Ghost, be thou present with me in mine extream Need, when the Devil will accuse me, and my Conscience bear Witness against me; when I shall be environed with horrible Dangers and Temptations, and all Things set themselves against me.

Strengthen my Heart at that time, O comfortable Spirit, with the Evidence of thy Testimony, that I may undoubtedly believe the Forgiveness of Sins, the Resurrection of the Flesh, and everlasting Life, which shall be given to all Believers. O blessed Trinity, and eternal God, of one Essence in Three Persons, give me Grace that in all my Conslicts with Temptations, especially at the Point of Death, being mindful of thy Covenant made with me in Baptism, and of thy most comfortable Pro-

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mise-annexed to the performance of it, (which is, that all that believe and are baptised shall be saved,) I may never doubt either of thy merciful good Will towards me, or of the free Remission and Forgiveness of my Sins; but by often remembrance of this Sign and Covenant, I may daily more and more be confirmed in Faith, and hope of eternal Happiness: And here, O holy Trinity, lift up my forrowful Heart, and pour upon me the wholesom Comfort of thy heavenly Bliss, and at the Point of Death refresh me with the sweet Light of thy chearful Countenance; that with exceeding Joy I may defire to depart, and come to thy heavenly House, where thou livest and reignest as my eternal God and Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for the Power of God's Spirit to abide in us.

Omnipotent and eternal God, and Father, which comfortest such as be forrowful, and who art the Giver of all good Gifts, thou of thy free Favour and

our Necessities, and as often as we stand in need of any of thy Bleslings, or feel our felves burdened with any kind of Tribulation or Affliction either of Body or Mind, to call upon thee in the Name of thy Son Jesus Christ, with a Promise that thou wilt grant what we want; most humbly I beseech thee, to fend down upon my dark Understanding, the bright Beams of thy most holy Spirit, to lighten me, and to direct me in all my Supplications and Prayers; and especially at this time, O Lord, for that thou knowest my Weakness and Ignorance to be such, as I am altogether unable to frame my Requests according to thy Will, or to feek that which is for mine own Soul's health. Wherefore I most humbly befeech thee, O Lord, in the Name of him, thy Son, to prepare my Heart for the true Understanding, and unfeigned Calling on thy Name for fuch Things as thy Wisdom shall think most expedient for me, both for the obtaining of thy heavenly Kingdom, which is before all Things to be fought for, and for

for temporal Bleffings best known to thee; which in respect of my Ignorance, my Dulness, my Corruption, my Weakness, and the guilt of mine own Conscience, I cannot crave in such due and faithful manner as I ought. O most dear Father, I most humbly beseech thee in the Name of thy Son Christ, that thou wilt affift me by thy holy Spirit in all my Prayers; that being of my felf dull, I may be made zealous; and whereas I am of my felf cold, I may be thereby made fervent and faithful, that my Prayers be not as a Smoak which vanisheth, or as the Wind which passeth away, being only in the Lips, and not firm in the Heart; let them be an effectual and acceptable Sacrifice, sweet and pleafing in thy Sight; and let nothing pass the Bounds of mine unfeigned Lips, but what may become a fingle Heart, always founding out thine Honour, and fetting forth thy most glorious Praise. Let thy holy Spirit, O Lord, come unto me; let it continue with me, and work, and prevail effectually in me, unto the End; that I may

WEDNESDAY Might: 143 may both at this time begin, and for ever more continue as thou willest I should, namely in Faith; that I fall not intoany Temptation, but may constantly look for, and faithfully attain unto a perfect Understanding of thy holy Will, and Ability in all Things to fulfil the fame. Make me also, good Lord, fervent in Love, that I may freely and unfeignedly, even from my very Heart, forgive and forget all Injuries, Wrongs, and Evils done me, by fuch as by any means have offended me, with hearty Prayer for their Amendment; that I approaching unto the Throne of thy Mercy, in a pure and fingle Heart, may heartily, as well for all others, as for my felf, for Things necessary both for Soul and Body, make my humble Petitions unto thee, and in thy good time, tast that most sweet Fruit of my humble Defires, according to thy Will; fo shall I shew forth thy Praise, and give Glory to thy Name for ever and ever, World without End. Amen.

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A Prayer for the Victory against Sin.

O Lord, there is no Victory with-out Fighting, nor any Crown without Victory; give me therefore Power, O Lord, that fighting valiantly, I may be crowned gloriously in Heaven with thee to live for ever: Minister Strength unto me, that I may over-master mine Enemies, and give me the Spirit of Patience, that continuing unto the End, I may be found and taken as a faithful Soldier of thy Son Jesus Christ, and fo be Bleffed : Let me not faint in Fear, but let me fight in a lively Faith, which over-matcheth all the whole World; Plant me a natural Branch, by the Power of thy holy Word in the Vine Jesus Christ, and make me able to endure all Storms and Tempests; let no Canker of Sin eat me; let no Worm of a guilty Conscience gnaw me; let no Blast of the World overcome me; but stay me up with thy mighty Arm, and be ever at hand, that I may be crowned, though I be croffed; and faved, though now plunged in extream Mifery. In thee

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is all my hope, forasmuch as of my self I am but a Vapour, a Worm, a Thing of nought; I am born of a Woman in Sin, a sinful Child by Nature, and too apt to engage with Satan against my self, to my utter undoing, unless thou take pity on me, and assist me with thy Spirit, always to resist him. Which, O gracious God, I befeech thee to do of thy great Mercy; to whom be all Power and Glory for ever. Amen.

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#### A Prayer to be mindful of Death.

Od, in whose Handsis the Life of all Mankind, for thy Son Christ's sake, vouchsafe me the Grace to set before mine Eyes, as a most certain Mark, whereto this frail Body of mine must tend; the Image of that which is to the Faithful the end of Pain, and the beginning of Pleasure; the end of Misery, and the beginning of Bliss: but to the secure and careless Sinner, the end of all his Pleasures, and beginning of eternal Pains. Give me, good Lord, an earnest desire of serving thee, and G 4 lead-

leading my Life according unto thy Will, that whenfoever it shall please thee to call me out of this Life, I be not through fear feized with expediation of being condemned with the World, but even at the last Gasp, through an unfeigned Faith in Jesus Christ, may partake of eternal Salvation, that Death be not bitter or terrible unto me; but rather when it cometh, I may with Joy receive the fame in the Name of thy Son Jesus Christ. Bless me, good Lord, and preserve me from the second Death, the everlasting Destruction both of Body and Soul, and justifie me in the Death of thy Son, that my Name may be registred in the Book of Life. O Lord comfort my guilty Conscience with the everlasting Light of thy bountiful Favour, and let me have place among thy Saints in thy heavenly Kingdom. Lord, for thy Mercies fake, after this my bodily Death, give me the fruition of thy Presence, in the rich Palace of endless Blifs: To whose merciful Protection I commend, with all Humility and Reverence,

rence, my Soul and Body. Lord Jefus preferve me: Lord Jefus comfort me: Lord Jefus prepare me for whatever thou defignest for me; for only into thy Hands, that hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of Truth, I commend my Soul both now and for ever.

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A Prayer for a happy Departure out of this Life.

Most gracious and eternal God, thy Years endure throughout all Generations, and thy Days are without End or Beginning, but the Days of Man are determined, which he cannot over-pass, and the Number of his Months are fore-known unto thee: Wherefore instruct me, O Lord, that being always mindful of my Mortality, I never promise unto my self many Years, nor long Life in this Pilgrimage of mine; fo shall I not live securely, deferring my Conversion to thee from Day to Day; nor yet put my Confidence in this frail and uncertain Life, as that rich Man spoken of in G 5

the Gospel; but give me Grace, that in thy fear I may daily prepare my felf to depart out of this Prison; for nothing is more certain than Death, tho' nothing more uncertain than the Hour thereof: Therefore I beseech thee, O Lord, to let me have always before mine Eyes an Image and Meditation of my Departure, the better to know the Transitories and Vanity of this frail and cumbersome Life; that I may live to thee my God, being found in Faith, and strong in Hope, looking with cheerfulness for the Day of my Departure, and the joyful Appearing of thy Son Jesus Christ my Redeemer; and make me, I beseech thee, O Lord, a faithful and wife Servant, looking for the coming of my Lord, for that I know not when he will come, least being overtaken by a fudden hour of Death, I be found unready; but that on the contrary, by prudent watching in true Conversion and Repentance, I may covet to be diffolved, and to be with Christ my Redeemer. And grant also, O Lord, that at the point of Death, having escaped

all Dangers and Temptations, I may triumph like a Conqueror, and behold the Power and Presence of thy holy Spirit. And let my last word be that which thy Son did utter upon the Altar of the Cross, saying, Father into thy Hands I commend my Spirit. And when my Speech is taken from me, hear, O God, the groanings of my Heart; and the hour of Death being come, let thy Servant depart in Peace, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all Praise and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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#### A Petition to God the Father.

Omnipotent God and Father, I have asked many Things of thee, and yet have not deferved any; I confess, alas, that not only those Things which I request are not due unto me, but in stead of them most grievous Punishments; yet, O Lord, lay not my Sins to my Charge, for if thou shouldest, I were not able to abide or stand in thy Sight: But, O Lord, I most humbly beseech thee, that thou wilt forgive me

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all that is past; and grant that I may never hereafter offend in the same manner again. And vouchsafe, I beseech thee, of thy Goodness, O Lord, to direct, sanctifie, and keep my Heart and Body, my Senses and Doings, my Talk and Communication, in thy most holy Laws and Commandments; and that thy holy Angel may be with me to direct my Feet unto the way of Peace, Truth, and Health; that I may be Whole, Safe, and Free in thee, and by thee, both here and in the World to to come. O Christ, hear me, and save me, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God in perfect Unity; to whom be Praise for ever, World without End. Amen.

#### An Evening Prayer.

O Heavenly Father, I with all Humility and Reverence of Heart and Mind, befeech thee this Night, which thou hast ordained for Man to rest in, that thou wilt guard and protect me with thy good Spirit; and although

WEDNESDAY Might. 151 though my finful Flesh shall slumber and sleep, yet grant that my Soul may continually keep Watch and Ward: Let not the Enemy find me slumbering and fleeping, as careless, in the Cradle of finful Security, lest that whilst I am unarmed, naked, and destitute of thy Help and Favour, he enter in and break up the House of my sinful Body, and make fuch Havock and Spoil, that my infected leprous Soul, deformed by means of mine Iniquity, and wounded with the dangerous Darts of Transgreffion, be thrown with the Body of Sin, into the Lake of Destruction. me still, O good Lord, to consider that the Bed is the plain Pattern of the Grave. Make me to anderstand, that when I am laid of myfelf, I cannot rife again without thy Heavenly Providence Make me also to ocknowledge, that Sleep is the very Figure of Death, to whose Stroke, at thy appointed time, I must fubmit myself. Endue me with Love and Charity to all Men. Let my Lamp, O Lord, be furnished with Oil, that whenfoever thy Messenger, Death, **shall** 

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shall draw nigh, and knock at the Gate of my Body, I may readily yield to his Summons; and at the day of the Resurrection of the Dead, I may be ready to attend on thee my Bride, with my burning Lamp; that is, with a stedfast Faith, when as by Faith I shall be cloathed a-new: For my mortal Body shall then put on Immortality, and the Corruption of my finful and rebellious Flesh shall be changed into Incorruption and perfect Purity: Thy pardoning Goodness shall be extended to me; thy Merits shall make me perfect and holy; by Vertue whereof, Hell shall lose his Victory, Death shall lose his Sting, my Faith and Hope shall have their End and Reward; and I with thy Saints, shall continually dwell in Love and Charity with thee and my Heavenly Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all Power and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Prayers

# Prayers for THURSDAY Morning.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: Prepare my Heart, open my Lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.

#### A PSALM.

S Ave me, O God, for thy name's fake, and avenge me in thy strength. Hear my prayer, O God, and hearken to the words of my mouth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy name, O Lord,

because it it is so comfortable.

I will praise God, because of his word: I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what slesh can do unto me.

In God's word will I rejoice; in the

Lord's word will I comfort me.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling, that I might walk before thee in the light of the living.

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Therefore will I call unto the most high God, even the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.

He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproof of him that would

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eat me up.

He verily is my strength and my salvation; he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

For the greatness of his mercy reacheth to the heavens, and his truth unto

the clouds.

Wherefore my foul thirsteth for him, my flesh also longeth after him, in a dry and barren land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, that I might behold thy power and

glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself: my lips shall praise thee.

My foul shall be satisfied even as it were with marrow and satness, when my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

Because thou hast been mine helper; therefore under the shadow of thy wings

will I rejoice.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

#### A Morning Prayer.

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Heavenly Father, who like a diligent Watchman attendest always upon thy Children, whether they wake or fleep, and mightily defendeft them, not only from Satan, that old Enemy of Mankind, but also from all other their Adversaries; so that through thy Godly Power, they are preserved in safety: I most humbly thank thee, that it hath pleased thy Goodness so to take Care of me, thy finful Servant, this Night past; that thou hast bothkept me from all the Power of mine Enemies, whether Men or Devils, and hast given me quiet and refreshing Sleep, to the comfort of my Body. Imost heartily beseech thee, O merciful Father, to thew the like Goodness towards me this Day, in preserving my Body and Soul, that mine Enemies may have no Power over me; that fo I may neither imagine, speak, or do any thing that may be displeasing to thy Fatherly Goodness, dangerous to my Soul, or hurtful to my Neighbour; but that all my Undertakings may be agreeable

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to thy most blessed Will, which is always good and holy, doing that that may always advance thy Glory, and answer the Ends of my Vocation; that whensoever thou shalt call me from this Vale of Misery, I may be found the Child not of Darkness, but of Light, and may for ever reign with thee in Glory, who art the true and everlasting Light; to whom with the Son and the Holy Ghost, be all Power and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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A Prayer for true Contrition and forgiveness of Sin.

Most merciful God and dear Father, vouchsafe, I beseech thee to look down with thy fatherly Eyes of Pity upon me, most vile and wretched Sinner, which lie here prostrate in Heart before the Feet of thy bottomless Mercy; for I have sinned against the Throne of thy Glory, and before thee, O Father; yet nevertheless, forasinuch as thou art the God of all Comfort, and desirest not the Death of a Sinner, but that he should return from his wicked Ways

THURSDAY Mouning. 157 Ways and live; enable me, I pray thee, by infusing thy precious Oil of Comfort into my Wounds, joyfully to run with the lost Son into the Lap of thy Pity; for lo, thou art my Hope and Trust, in whom I repose myself, and by Faith have full confidence in thee: And as I am a most vile sinful Wretch, so do I here accuse myself to thee, O Father, acknowledging with forrow and compunction of Heart, that I have often and grievously offended thy Almighty Goodness, in that I have not kept the least of thymost holy Commandments in fuch manner as thy Righteousness justly requires of me. But, O merciful God, wherein foever I have offended against thy eternal Majesty, whether it hath been by Day or by Night, secretly or openly, I am forry for it even from the bottom of my Heart; and besides, my Soul mourns and languishes for Grief, that I am not a thousand times more forry than I am. And here in token ken of true Repentance, I do penitently afflict my Heart, and fay in the bitterness and anguish of my Mind, Lord God the Father, have Mercy; Lord God

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God the Son, have Mercy; Lord God the Holy Ghoft, have Mercy, and spare me of thy infinite Goodness now and for ever; and let my Heart have part of thy abundant Grace, so as I may change my finful Life, and put off the Old Man with all Concupifcence, and that I may die to the World, and the World to me. Give my Soul Grace, O my God, to rejoice and repole itself on thee, and that I may utterly renounce and forfake this vain transitory World, whenfoever thou feeft fit to call me to it, so that thou mayest at any time find me ready, with the good Servant, in the midnight of Death, which shall suddenly steal upon me like a Thief before I be aware of it. Be thou to me at that time, (O Lord) a Tower of Strength, a Place of Refuge, and a Rock of Defence against the Face of the Devil, who then will be ready to devour me; and against Desperation, which then will be in danger of seizing me. Let then thy Comfort cleave fast to me, thy Mercy keep me, and thy Grace guide me. Restore then, Lord God the Father, that which thy Almighty

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mighty Power hath created. Keep then, O Lord God the Son, that which thou haft so wisely governed, and bought with thy precious Blood. Receive to thy self then, Lord God the Holy Ghost, that which thou hast kept and preserved so lovingly in this Region of Sin, and Vale of Misery. Hear me, I humbly pray, O most gracious Lord, three Persons and one God; to whom be all Glory and Power for ever. Amen.

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#### A Prayer for Wisdom.

Almighty and everlasting God, it is thy Gift, that Babes and Men of low Degree, have the Knowledge and Understanding of thy Will, and Men of profound Learning, deep Study, and worldly Dignity and Honour, often want the same. It is thou which expellest Darkness, and givest Light; which takest away Ignorance, and plantest Knowledge and Wisdom in the Hearts of thy faithful People, denying the same to none that unseignedly ask it at thy Hands; without the which no Good can be obtained, nor Evil can be avoided.

avoided. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to hearken from Heaven, thy Habitation, and the Seat of thy Glory and Majesty; and grant me a right Understanding in all Things, that I may perfectly know thy divine Will and Pleasure, and may always direct my Ways accordingly; loving thee above all things, and being most thankful for all thy Fatherly Benefits bestowed and conferred upon me; and that Prosperity overcome not, nor in Adversity I be foolishly moved to feek for Help any where, but at thy Hands only, who art my God, and who haft promised to give Wisdom to all that unfeignedly ask it. O Lord, hear my Prayer, and let my Cry come unto thee: Give perfect Wisdom, whereby I may truly discern the difference between the heavenly Revelation, which is Wisdom from above, and the vain Imaginations of Men like myself, considering that the one in all things, as well in Adverfity as Prosperity, continueth most constant, stable, patient, and firm; whereas contrariwife, the other feeketh with more Diligence to avoid the Afflictions.

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THURSDAY Mouning. 161 hictions, Troubles, and Calamities, which thou layest upon us in this World. Most sweet Lord, and heavenly Comforter, grant that it may be far from my Heart to think that any thing cometh to pass otherwise than by thy Almighty Providence, who willest nothing, nor doest any thing but what is most expedient and necessary for the use of the Bodies and Souls of thy Servants, which we cannot rightly conceive without this especial Gift of thine; wherewith, for thy Son Jesus Christ's fake, endue me, that I be not led by fondConceit, or deceive myself with worldly Experience; but governing myfelf according to thy Will, and measuring all my Actions, Words and Thoughts, by the right Rule of Knowledge, in the End I may be found in the State of those wise Virgins, who had their Lamps continually burning, and not of those others, that were taken unprovided; that the Coming of thy Son Fesus Christ be not terrible unto me, but most acceptable and joyful; and that in the End I may have free admission into that most

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most glorious Kingdom, which thy Son Jesus Christ hath purchased with his Blood for all true Believers in him; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all Glory for ever. Amen.

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A Prayer for Direction to worship God aright.

Most gracious God and loving Father, establish my Heart and Mind in the true Worship of thy Divine Majesty; make me to believe thy Holy and Sacred Gospel, wherein I am daily and hourly instructed, to Love, Fear, Honour, and Obey thee; to renounce all those Vanities whereby thy Worship is defaced, thy Glory profaned, and thine Honour greatly diminished: Give me thy Grace to hate Sin and Iniquity, and to discard and forfake the irregular and unlawful Pleafures of this wicked and finful World: Arm me, I befeech thee, to mortifie and fubdue the rebellious Appetites, and impetuous Lusts of the Flesh: And finally, give me Power from above, to withstand Satan, the Prince of Darkness, and all

THURSDAY Mouning. 163 all his wicked Instruments, who by divers Temptations provokes and draws us off from that godly Purity, and perfect Integrity, which is required of us by our Lord and Master Christ Fesus the fulness of our Perfection and Holiness, to all kind of Evil, Impiety, and Uncleanness; by means whereof thy Worship is greatly profaned, and shamefully contemned. Make me, O Lord, I befeech thee, by the Power of a fruitful Faith, to refift and bridle the Concupifcence of my Flesh, in such fort that my Soul may triumph with Victory, and continue constant in worshipping thee. Prepare my Heart and Mind to shew forth the Glory of thy Name; keep my Tongue from all filthy Talk, and my Body from uncomely Gestures, and never fuffer me in any respect to contemn thy Worship, and to provoke thee to Displeasure against my ownSoul: Set thou a Watch before the Gates of my Mouth, that my Lips by thy Grace may be always ready to found forth thy Praise: Be merciful to mine Offences, call me not to a strict Account for mine

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mine Unrighteousness, but of thy great Goodness forgive thou freely, and pardon graciously all my Sins. Make me faithful in Christ Jesus. Shorten these dangerous Days of Iniquity; increase the Number of thy chosen and peculiar Saints; and hasten thy Coming, O Saviour Christ; that I with the Fellowship of thy Saints, the heavenly Angels, and the blessed Company of Martyrs, may celebrate thy Praise, and worship thee in thy glorious Kingdom, before thy Father, my God, and the holy Ghost; to whom be Praise and Glory for ever. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Charity.

O Infinite Charity, thou Son of God, to whom the Father hath furrendred all Power in Heaven and Earth: I have offended thee, and endangered my Soul desperately: For Charity, O Charity! thou shalt judge the World in Equity, and I have not Charity abiding within me: I love for Gain, I hate mine Enemies, pray not for them that curse me, at d speak Evil of me: I have

I have of thy Benefits, and yet I spare nothing for them that have need: O eternal Charity, I have hereby in cu red the Peril of thy just Judgement: Wherefore, O heavenly Charity, have Mercy upon me, and deliver me from an accusing Conscience, and the Snares of the Devil; that mine own Life may never exclaim against me, and call for Damnation, and everlasting Punishment. O Lord my fweet Saviour, I befeech thee for thy bloody Sweat, in the bottomless Pit of thy Mercy to drown all my Transgressions: Adopt me thy Brother, and give me thy holy Spirit's Testimony as a Pledge and Earnest of mine Adoption and Election; that being free from Sin, I may ferve thee with a pure Conscience, and Faith unfeigned, in hope of eternal Life through thy Mercy, O bleffed Jesus, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, World without End. Amen.

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A Prayer for Sense of God's Favour and Grace.

O My Lord God, and dear Father, I here crave thy Assistance and Grace, that feel all Things to work in me contrary to thy Will: for blind is my Mind, crooked is my Will, and perverse Concupiscence is in me as a Spring and Sink of Iniquity: Faint is my Faith, my finful Life increasing, and my Sins still abounding, fo that from offending thee, O Lord, I cannot cease Day nor Night. And my Sins are heavy upon me, pressing me down even to Hell, such is the Weight of them. When I prepare my felf to amend my Life, and think stedfastly to ferve and please thee, how soon doth my corrupt Nature offend and displease thy Divine Majesty; so that I am prone and ready to run headlong into all kind of Sin and Wickedness. So little is my Strength, and so great my Weakness in performing those Things which thou requireft at my Hands; by reason whereof I am tempted to doubt of thy Goodness

THURSDAY Moning. ness towards me, unless thou of thy Mercy and Pity fend thine Aid from above, and pour into my Soul thy most healthful Grace, that I may most assuredly and faithfully trust in the Merits of my Saviour Fesus Christ, which are of far greater Force, Vertue, and Effect, for preserving me, than all my Sins and Offences are for condemning and destroying me. Wherefore O Father, as thou requirest thus firially that I should believe without doubting; fo wouldst thou in all my Needs I should come unto thee as a Father, and make my moan without distrust of being heard in thy good time, as shall make most for thy Glory and my own Comfort and Advantage: Lo therefore, to thee dear Father do I come, in thy Son Jesus Christ's Name, beseeching thee of thy great Mercy and Goodness, to be merciful to me, and make me to love thee with all my Heart for ever; that my Works may be ever found holy in thy Sight, and that I may always not only strive against Sin, but also overcome the same daily more and more, as thy Children do, and

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may above all Things desire the Sanctifying of thy Name, the coming of thy Kingdom, the doing of thy Will here on Earth, as it is in Heaven, and that only through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom be all Honour and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### A Prayer to God to bless our Endeavours.

O My heavenly Father, be favoura-ble to me thy repentant Servant, flying from mine Enemies to thy Help and Succour. Impute not my Sins unto me, for Christ's sake; for I have heard thy fatherly Voice, and it foundeth daily in mine Ears out of Heaven, promising me, to be appealed towards me for thy Son's fake, whom thou commandest me to hear and believe, who is made of thee my Righteousness, my Salvation, my Peace, my Mediator and Intercessor, my Fulfiller of the Law, my Deliverer, and the Accomplisher of all my just Desires, and my Saviour Christ Jesus, God and Man, in whose Name at this time I enter upon all my just

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just and lawful Undertakings, according to my Calling, desiring thy gracious Goodness, O Lord God and Father, to prosper it, surther it, and give it happy Increase, that whatsoever I take in hand, I may honestly and successfully finish the same. O holy Father, bless all my Endeavours with thy blessed Increase, and let me not seek mine own Will, but ever pray that thy Will be sulfilled; and let me not be led into Temptation, but deliver me from all Evil, for ever and ever. Amen.

## A Prayer to live uprightly in our Calling.

O God of all Comfort, and giver of all Consolation, forgive my Sins, cleanse and wash me from all Iniquities which disable me to perform my Calling in such sort as becometh me: And through the Blood of thy Son purishe my Heart, help my Impersections, and sanctifie me with thy Grace, that my Sins being forgiven, I may rest in thy Favour and continual Comfort, and be daily blessed with new Gists; that I H 4

may be found perfect in my Calling, feafoned so with a lively Faith in thee, that thy holy Spirit may continually dwell and rule in me, and lead me to the due Performance of those Things which thou requireft to be done in my Calling; that all unnatural Affection being truly mortified, I may only reft in thee, and rely on thee, and be directed by thee in all Things: Good Father, grant that I may take the direct and ready way in my Vocation to eternal Life, in which Course consisteth the inward Peace of the Soul, which is only delighted in thy inviolable Truth, revealed by thy Son, and left unto us in his Word and Testament, in which are comprehended all necessary Rules, and the facred Discipline whereby thy Children are to guide themselves in their several Callings; and these comprehended in three principal Virtues by thee bestowed on them that feek them at thy Hand in the Name of thy Son; as Faith, Hope, and Love; which three are fo united and knit together in one, in thine elect Children, that they through thy Grace

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Grace go not aftray in their Calling. I therefore, dear Father, being of my felf ignorant, and of mine own Power unable to comprehend the height of my Calling, instantly beseech thee in Mercy to behold me an unperfect Creature, without these Virtues; and so adorn me with them, that I may be made perfect in all good Works of the Spirit, that my Labours and Endeavours be not in vain in thee. And grant that I may join with all my Powers, Defires and Endeavours, Faith; Knowledge, Temperance, Patience, Godliness, brotherly Kindness, and Charity, that I be not unfruitful in my Calling, but may acknowledge thy Son Jesus Christ, and in him have Peace of Conscience, that I may be patient in Troubles, long-suffering in Wrongs, faithful in hope under whatfoever Diftress, rejoycing in Heart, quiet in Mind, trusting to enjoy at thy Hands, and in thy good time, whatsoever maketh for the true Comfort of my Soul, and the Relief of my Body; that in all true and inward Sense of thine Assistance, my Calling  $H_5$ may

may be made perfect, and fealed with the Seal of thine own spiritual Probati-So shall I thy unworthy Servant be directed in the true Knowledge of Thee. Obleffed Lord, and loving Fa-Father, except thou thus direct me, I cannot stand, but shall fall into many Miseries: For no Estate, no Degree, no Calling, Office, Function, or Trade of Life can prosper, or be rightly performed without thy continual Aid, Direction, and Providence: Therefore, good Lord, guide me by thy Spirit, increase my Faith, and give me Wisdom and Ability in all Things, to execute my Calling as I ought: And to the execution thereof, bless all my Members, make them apt and ready Instruments to perform their Duties, that in no Point I fail in a Christian procedure therein, and restrain my corrupt sleshly Nature; which unless thou season my Affections by thy Spirit, will so much the more glory, by how much thou hast exalted me, and inabled me to live in this World in higher Reputation than cther Men, wherein Flesh and Blood

is ready to repose its greatest Confidence, and is therefore eafily captivated by Satan and his Devices. Wherefore, O good Father, vouchsafe, I befeech thee, to ground all my Affections upon thy Fear, that I be not at any time drawn aside from an entire Obedience to thy divine Will; without which neither Honour, Profit, Wealth, Wisdom, or any other Bleffing of thine can stand, relieve, or comfort me : Be pleased therefore, dear Father, with me, and grant that all Things that I take in hand, may begin in Knowledge, proceed in Fear, and end in Love, that the whole Course of my Life may be bleffed with good effect in all mine Enterprises, that neither mine Enemies rejoyce at my Miseries, the godly be offended at my Rashness, nor my Estate hindred by my Foolishness: Grant this, good Lord, for thy dear Son's fake Jesus Christ; to whom be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Prayers for Thursday Night.

O Lord my God and Father, bleffed be thy Name for ever: Prepare my Heart, open my Lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.

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#### A PSALM.

GRacious is the Lord, and righteous, yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple; I

was in mifery, and he helped me.

Turn thou again unto my rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my foul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord, for all the benefits that he hath

done unto me?

I will offer unto him the facrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon his name.

For why? the Lord is on my fide, therefore I will not fear what Man man can do unto me. The

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The Lord taketh my part with them that help me; therefore shall I see my

defire upon mine enemies.

It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in man: it is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in Princes.

The Lord is my strength and my

fong, and is become my falvation.

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence, the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I will not die but live, and declare

the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastned and corrected me, but he hath not given me over to death.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee: thou art my God, and I will

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Glory be to the Father, &c.

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A devout Prayer to God the Father.

O Most blessed Lord, and loving Father, I wretched Sinner do here ask at thy Hands Mercy and Grace, who am in thy fight a poor feeble Creature, who when I should resolutely persevere in thy Truth, yet find my own Frailty such, that I am apt to fall, and break thy holy Commandments, by the keeping of which we are known to be thy true Servants, and by nothing else. O most merciful Lord God, I acknowledge my felf daily to break the same: But when I have thus offended, I humbly pray for thy Mercy and Forgiveness; and Lord, for the true performance of the same, from the bottom of my Heart, I beg of thee to strengthen me, and make me stand firm in the Faith of our bleffed Lord; and grant me Understanding to perform thy bleffed Will, and Ability to refift all Errours, and wicked Imaginations, and Wisdom to know the Truth. For I confess and know O Lord, that all worldly Wit, Policy, Knowledge, and Strength

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Strength is but foolishness in thy fight. Therefore I ask, and continually crave, that thy holy Spirit may guide all the Imaginations, Thoughts and Desires of my Heart: For the most perfect among the Children of Men, lacking this true Wisdom, shall not be regarded; for the Thoughts of mortal Men are miferable, and our Contrivances are but vain, whilst this corrupt Body preffes down the Soul, and keeps under the Understanding, that it museth most on vain Things; wherefore good Lord I befeech thee, heal my fick and enlighten my dark Soul, that it may walk in thy Ways, and work thy Will; and forasmuch as thou knowest the Secrets of my Heart, and the Desires of the fime; and how I would walk in thy Truth, and work the Works of it; fo Lord, I beseech thee, refresh my Soul according to thy merciful Goodness, that I may be stedfast in the true Faith, and that I may never swerve from the holy and most blessed Ordinances of the Church, but that I may use them, receive them, and honour thee in them,

according to thy most holy Will, as in Things which thou hast left to declare thy Love to us, to encourage our Hope. and exercise our Faith, that it should not be idle or wavering; for all Things are possible to thee, though they feem never so impossible to us. O most loving Father, I know that by reason of my Sins I am not worthy of thy bleffed Comfort and Help, in this troublesome time of Temptation, and trying of our Faith; for that I am as one laden with Ignorance, not knowing the Height of thy Mysteries, nor the Deceitfulness or subtil Arguments of my ghoftly Enemy, which daily affault my finful Soul, that I can find no Rest: Therefore, O Lord, who knowest that my Will and Heart's defire is to ferve thee, and live and die in thy perfect Faith and Fear; I befeech thee never to fuffer any finful perswasions contrary to thy Truth, to take Place or Root in my Heart; but as thou hast created my Heart, and given me a Will to order the same, so Lord, I most humbly yield the same again into thy Hands, defiring defi dire cep eve

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THURSDAY Dight. 179 defiring thee by thy holy Spirit so to direct my Ways, that they may be acceptable in thy Sight, now and for ever, through Jesus Christ my Saviour; to whom with thee and the holy Ghost, be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

## A Prayer for the true Love of God.

Lord my God, teach me thy humble Servant, teach my Heart, I befeech thee, with what Reverence it should think of thee; tell my Soul with what Delight it should love thee: Give my Tongue some Power to pour forth Praises unto thee; correct my Weakness, recreate my Hope, direct my Desires, finish the Work thou hast begun, and bring me to the Fulness of thy Mercy. O Lord, my God, I bow the Neck of my Soul under the Feet of thy Majesty, and in the lowest Degree of Reverence, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks. I yield thee Praises, O Lord, although far unanswerable to thine infinite Goodness;

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yet fomething my weakness is bound to perform, and accordingly I most earnestly desire, and endeavour to set my Mind upon beholding and loving thee. O that my Heart did fo languish with thy Love, that it might melt the Moisture of my Body into Tears! that the Bowels of my Soul were fo inflamed with thy Love, that it might confume all droffie Defires, dry up the very Marrow of my Bones! O that I were fick for the Love of him who died for the Love of me! Lord, although I be not worthy to love thee, yet art thou much more to be loved than I can express; therefore do not so deny me, that whereof I acknowledge my felf unworthy, that thy felf be deprived of that thou art most worthy: And grant, O Lord, I beseech thee, for thy Mercies sake, to my Soul, that it may love thee as thou hast deserved, that I may be worthy to give that which thou art worthy to receive; fo shall I then be worthy of that whereof now I am most unworthy: O most dear Lord, I feel in my Heart a faint heat of thy Love; but my

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THURSDAY Dight. my Prayer is that the Coals thereof were throughly kindled with Desire, and blown with Delight into a full Flame: O facred Fire, how comfortably dost thou burn? O heavenly Light, how sweetly dost thou shine? How desirous are they more and more to burn whom thou dost inflame; How are they delighted whom thou dost enlighten? Hear, Omy God, hear O Light of mine Eyes, increase my Desire, and grant my Request, stop not thine Ears against me because of my Sins, endue my Soul with thy Love, subdue my flesh with thy Fear, that I may always think of thee jointly both with Trembling and Trust: settle the Love of thee in me, and the Care of me in thee; let my Prayer come unto thee, and thy mercy unto me; let the Joy of thy Happiness remain with me, and the Compassion of my Miseries with thee; let my Heart love thee, let my Flesh fear thee, and let my whole Substance in this World joy wholly in thee, that I may enjoy thee wholly in the World to come, by thee, O Christ, who

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who art my Saviour and Deliverer; to whom belongeth all Power and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer in Heart to feel Spiritual Comforts.

Lord God and most dear Father, now I fully know the Heart of Man is not in his own Power; for thou hast taught me by thy diminishing the Spirit of Comfort in my Heart, that it is thou only who makest joyful the Heart of Man; and diminishest the fame Joy according to thy good Pleafure and Will: Therefore, O dear Father, I befeech thee to fend thy most bleffed Comfort, and Strength of Faith into my Heart, to fill the same with spiritual Joy; and that by the working of thy holy Spirit in me, the comfortable Promises of thy merciful Protection may be sealed in my Heart, and fink deep into my Soul, that I may be fully affured that thou art my strong Rock and House of Defence, that thou doft keep me as the Apple of thine Eye, and that thou wilt lay no more upon

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THURSDAY Dight. upon me, than thou wilt give me Strength to bear; but that thou wilt affuredly at thy appointed time, renew my Heart, and the whole Power of my Mind, that I may fully glorifie thy Name. Thy Holy Spirit, O Lord, in me, (which is the affurance of my Salvation) doth continually fend forth unspeakable Sighs and Longings for thy full and joyful Presence: I befeech thee therefore, O dear Father, for thy Son Jesus's sake, hearken to my Prayers, and grant my Requests: Soften my hard and stony Heart by thy holy Spirit, that I may from the bottom of it acknowledge thee to be my most merciful God and Father, and all Things in thy holy Word to be most certain and true, and may reverently embrace the same, and my Soul may be comforted and delighted with it; that I may to my Lives End walk before thee in Sincerity of Heart, being affured of my Salvation, through that one alone Sacrifice of my Sins, made by thy dear Son Jesus Christ; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghoft,

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Prayers for 184 be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be used at our Entrance on our Devotions, into the Church.

Lord God of infinite Wisdom, inspire my Heart, and direct my Voice, that I may not think nor utter any Thing before thy Majesty, but that which thou knowest to be expedient for me to ask, and glorious for thee Turn not my Prayer, good to give. Lord, into Perdition, nor my Suit into Sin; for thou art the God of my Fathers, on whom I wholly depend; fave me for thy Mercies sake; O save me, as I have always put ny trust in thee, and when through the Perverseness and Obstinacy of my Nature, I fall into any Wickedness and Sin, leave me not, good Lord, in that miserable Condition; acquit me from the inordinate Lust of the Body; let no lustful Defire take hold of me, and give me not over to a disorderly and impure Mind. Lord, here I stand, a vile Wretch, before the Throne of thy dread-

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dreadful Presence, hoping that I shall be heard, not according to the Weakness of my Faith, but the Power of thy Promises. O consider my Impotency, and grant my Desires, as thou knowest to be fittest for me; then can I want nothing, and my Conscience shall be comforted with all spiritual Consolation in Jesus Christ; to whom with thee, O Father, and the holy Spirit, be ascribed all Power and Glory for ever. Amen.

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A Prayer for Protection against the Asfaults of Satan in our Sleep.

O Lord, it is Mercy without Merit, that I am a Branch of the Vine Jefus; that I am the House and Temple of the Holy Ghost. It is of Justice that thou hast appointed thy House to be a place of Prayer, and of Duty therefore that we should pray unto thee. For this, O Lord, I thank thee, that thou hast made me thy Child, thy Son by Adoption and Grace; and I acknowledge, that I am bound in Duty to serve thee. But grant me, O Lord.

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Lord, the guidance of thy Spirit to conduct me in the way of thy Will: Cleanse my polluted Soul, and create a new Heart within me, fuch as may be a fit Lodging for thee, and may fend up the favoury Sacrifice unto thee, which thou requireft of every Christian; the Sacrifice of Prayer, the Sacrifice of the Heart, which is wellpleasing in thy Sight. And at this time, in hope of the Assistance of thy holy Spirit, I most humbly desire thee, that as thou hast mercifully covered me under the defence of thy Wings; fo thou wilt protect and keep me from all the fecret Attempts of Satan, who is wont not only by Day, but also, and that especially, by Night, to undermine Man when his Senses are fettered in Bands of Rest; but I hope, O good Lord, that as I am then most unable, and at all times else to withstand his Buffets and Affaults, so thou wilt then be most ready to succour me; both because thereby thou wilt display the Riches of thine infinite Mercy and Pity; and because thou lovest every Thing thing which thy Hands have made. For which, and for all other thy Bleffings, I yield thee all Honour, Power, and Glory, which is due only to thy bleffed Majesty, for ever, World without End. Amen.

A Prayer against evil Imaginations.

Lord, cleanse my Heart, I do be-I feech thee, from all impure and wicked Imaginations and Thoughts; give me a clear Conscience, a modest Look, pure Hands, and a Tongue to fpeak the Truth, and to shew forth thy Praise. And, seeing there is nothing hid that shall not be reveal'd. good Lord, I befeech thee to fearch my Thoughts, and renew in me by thy Holy Spirit, whatfoever is decayed and wanting. Direct my Feet in thy Ways, that walking after thee in the Paths of the Righteous, I may pass through this Vale of Misery, fighting manfully under thy Banner, and in the End may obtain everlafting Joy, the promised Hire of fuch as have born thy Crofs, and valiantly fought with the Armour

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of Faith against Temptations and all Evil. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to grant all these my Supplications and Petitions, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all Power and Glory for ever. Amen.

### An Evening Prayer.

Heavenly Father, the Giver of all good things, and the Protector of all that love thee, I yield thee most humble and hearty Thanks, not only for keeping and preferving me this Day, but all my Life; that neither my Enemies have prevailed against me, as they have endeavoured to do, nor any other Danger, which in this World is incident unto Mankind, hath overcome me; but thou hast, like a loving Father, and careful Guardian, given and provided for me all things necessary; for which thine inestimable Love, I cannot sufficiently praise thee. O Lord, forgive mine Offences which this Day I have committed against thy Almighty Majesty; pardon them, O God, for Jesus Christ his fake,

fake, and vouchfafe me thy Grace to amend my Life, and to return unfeignedly to thy Service. And forafmuch as I can never be safe without thy continual Protection, vouchfafe to extend the fame unto me thy wretched Creature, this Night, that I may quietly take my Rest, which thou hast appointed for the refreshing of my wearied and feeble Body. And further, I befeech thee, O Lord, to guard and defend me, that nothing hurt me: Keep me also, good Lord, from fudden and unprovided Death; and preserve me by the Ministry of thy holy Angels, that I may take my Rest this Night in thee until the Morning, and then give myself to the fulfilling of my Duty, and the discharge of my Vocation, and the doing of thy Will unto my Life's end. For which thy Favour I humbly befeech thee, and for all things else necessary for me, and for all other whom thou hast commanded us to pray for; and more particularly for all fuch as are in any kind of Affliction, whether of Body or Mind, or for the testimony of thy Truth; that thou wilt wilt strengthen them, and thy whole Church, in thy pure Religion. And here, O Lord, I beseech thee to embrace me with the Arms of thy Mercy; vouchfafe to receive me into the Bosom of thy Love; overshadow me with thy Wings, that I may fafely take my Rest in thee this Night, through thy Son Jesus Christ; in whose Name I refer myself wholly to thy loving Protection; befeeching thee, that when this Life shall end, my last Sleep being come, I may take my everlasting Rest with thee in thy eternal Kingdom. For the which Kingdom, I do heartily beseech thee, of thine inestimable Goodness, both in behalf of myself. and of all other thy Servants, that we may attain the fame, for the Glory of thy holy Name, and our endless Comfort; through the Merits of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord and only Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

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## Prayers for FRIDAY Morning.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: Prepare my Heart, open my Lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.

#### A PSALM.

MY foul truly waiteth still upon God; for of him cometh my falvation.

In God is my help and my glory, the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.

I called upon him with my mouth, and gave him praise with my tongue.

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: thou art my hope even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holden up ever fince I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb, my praise shall be always of thee.

Wherefore praised be God, which hath

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his mercy from me.

O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may fing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Cast me not away in time of age; forsake me not when my strength fail-

eth me.

My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation, for I know no end thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God, and will make mention of

thy righteousness only.

For thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now, therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great things are they that thou hast done, O God; who is like

unto thee?

O what troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me, and yet didst thou turn and refresh me, yea, and broughtest me from the depth of the earth again.

Therefore will I praise thee, and thy faithfulness, O God, which art the Holy One of Israel.

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My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long, for there is no end thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

### A Morning Prayer.

Lord, the glorious Face of the Sun, which sheweth itself, and casteth its Beams over the whole World, I take this for an Argument and Earnest of thy good Will toward thy Children, in the Number of whom I account my felf, though a miserable Sinner, and not worthy to loofe the latchet of thy Shoe; for if we enjoy fuch a Benefit in this strange Country together with thine Enemies, then what joyous Sights! what store of thy Goodness shall we reap in our natural Country, the blifful Land of Canaan, where we shall not see this worldly Sun, but thee, even thee, good Lord, Face to Face, the Son of thy Glory, and only Star of Majesty! Such Joys, O Lord, shall we have in the beholding of thee, as neither Eye hath feen, nor Ear hath heard, nor Heart ever conceived. Such Joys, I fay, as pass the reach reach, not only of Man, but also of Angels, to esteem. Blessed are the Door-keepers of this House of Joy, where thou, O Lord, the Son of Righteousness, dost most clearly spread forth the Beams of thy divine Power. Oh! how long shall I live in this Prison? How long shall I sojourn in this Body of Sin? O God of Comfort, and Father of Mercy, I do not doubt, but that as I wander in this Field of Vanity, so thou wilt recal me by the Light of thy Gospel, to thine House, there to dwell and reign for ever. Amen.

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An bumble Confession to Almighty God.

Most mighty God and merciful Father, I present myself before thy Majesty, desiled with the Filthiness of many and most grievous Sins, where-of I confess I am not able to answer thee one of a thousand, if thou, O Lord, shouldest enter into Judgment with me; for in sin was I born, and therefore am guilty of original Corruption; and in Sin have I lived and continued, and therefore stand guilty of actual Transgression, which hath broken forth upon

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on me in Thought, Word, and Deed, from time to time, continually, even unto this present Hour: Wherefore I humbly crave thy Mercy, and the Grace of Forgiveness in Jesus Christ: For therein I confess, O Lord, standeth the only Hope of my Comfort and Salvation. And forasmuch as it hath pleafed thee to give thine own Son to be a Sacrifice for our Sins, and to offer the Grace of Reconciliation, by preaching the Gospel to all them that repent and believe the same. Good Lord, I befeech thee vouchfafe to make me of that bleffed Number; work true Repentance in my Heart; increase my Faith, and give me Grace to bring forth the Fruits thereof, that so it may appear that I have not received thy Grace in vain: And for this purpose, good Lord, I beseech thee, bless the Ministers of thy Word, and give them Grace to fpeak it as it ought to be fpoken, and give thy People Grace to hear it attentively, to believe it stedfastly, and to follow it obediently; that so serving thee faithfully in this Life, we may live and

and reign with thee for ever in the Life to come. Amen.

A Prayer for the increase of Faith.

Almighty God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by thy Word we are taught to love thee, fear thee, and serve thee; and in true Godliness and fincerity of Life, is the only Way and Means to continue thy Love and Favour towards us, without the which we cannot but perish; and that Belief and Confidence in thy SonJesus Christ, is the only means of our Acceptance and Attonement with thee, and the only Hold of our Salvation, whereof we cannot be fufficiently affured without thy special Gift of Faith, which is the Anchor whereto the Cable of our Salvation is fastened; which being broken, the Hope of our Salvation cannot but decay and be of none effect: Vouchfafe therefore, O most merciful God, to plant one spark of true Faith in my Heart; and that it may grow to fuch perfection, that I may know thee, perfectly love thee, duly fear thee, and unfeignedly acknowacknowledge Jesus Christ to be sent into this wretched World to fave us miserable Sinners: O Lord, grant me to take fuch hold of his Death and Paffion, Refurrection and Ascension, that by his Death I may have Pardon, and by his Refurrection, rife to Righteoufness; and by his Ascension, ascend with him to thy celestial Glory; and finally attribute the Cause and Means of my · Salvation to proceed only of his Passion: Increase this Faith in me, good Lord, daily more and more, that it may grow, by the working of thy holy Spirit to full Perfection, accompanied with good Works and godly Behaviour, without which I confess, that Faith cannot be. Withhold not from me, good Lord, that fingular Gift of thine, which is the Stay of my Happiness; and the want thereof, a most certain Token of my Perdition: No good thing is wanting to him on whom thou vouch fafest to beflow this Gift: To him all things are light, and in him remaineth no Darkness at all. Banish, most sweet Lord, therefore all Misbelief, all Wavering and Doubting from my Heart, and plant instead

instead thereof unseigned Faith, that applying the same to every Affection both of Body and Mind, I may vanquish and overcome Satan, withstand the Delights of this World, and suppress the corruptible Motions of the Flesh, and enjoy at thy good Pleasure, health of Body, and foundness of Mind, and all things requisite for me. A most precious Jewel is Faith; for thou hast faid, That who foever heareth the Word, and believeth in Jesus Christ, whom thou hast fent, shall have everlasting Life; and on the contrary, he that believeth not, is in danger of everlasting Death. O Lord increase my Faith, wherein I may believe in that thy Son, and take hold of all his Promises; who said, that whosoever believeth in him shall want no manner of Thing that is good: Lord, I believe, help my Unbelief, and give me Faith; yea, but as a Grain of Mustard-seed, and I shall be able to remove Satan out of his defired Habitation, and to expel him and his Ministers, and walk no longer according to the Will of the Flesh; but casting

away the Works of Darkness, may enjoy the pure Light of the Gospel, and persevere and abide therein without fainting, in any Tribulation or Vexation of Spirit, going forward in Hope, in Fear, in Love, and unfeigned Zeal towards thee, and so may obtain at thy merciful Hands whatsoever is necessary in this Life; and after this Life ended, may enjoy thy celestial Inheritance; which grant me for thy Son Jesus Christ his sake, to whom be all Honour, &c.

A Thanksgiving for the Passion of Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, God and Man, we thank thee for that of thy only and free Mercy, without any Merits or Worth at all of our own, thou hast redeemed us miserable Sinners, through thy most innocent and holy Passion: O sweet Jesus, how bitter and great were thy Pains? How horrible and cruel thy Punishment? How grievous and lamentable thine Afflictions? How bloody thy Wounds? Thy

Dolours how divers? And thy Death how shameful, which thou sufferedst for us? O how inestimable was thy Love, that moved thee to endure fuch, and fo great Torments to reconcile us to thy Father! in the Mount of Olives, through our infinite Sins lighting upon thee, thou didst sweat (contrary to our Nature) Blood, that the Drops trickled down upon the Earth, and so after a marvellous manner Blood came out of thee, being expelled by the Refolutions of the Spirits, Nature being broken and languishing by reason of thine intolerable Sorrows and Torments: and thy Disciples being fled, thou didst most voluntarily commit thyfelf into the Hands of most cruel Jews, which brought thee most rigorously bound, without Compassion, from the Presence of one corrupt Judge to another more cruel, where thou wast most unjustly condemned; thy bleffed Body was fo mangled, that even an Ethnick pitying the same, uttered these words; Behold the Man! Finally, for our enormous Offences, thou wast afflicted with a most

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most odious kind of Death, and so in the extremity of Pain thou didst give up the ghoft, commending the fame unto thy Father in wonderful Patience; that fo by thy Torments having quitted us from all Guiltiness, as well of Fault as of Punishment, we might be healed; to this end thou didst bear the Burden of our Sins upon the Wood of the Cross, that thou mightest recover the Peace of Souls, and obtain the true Righteousness for as many as believe in thee: Wherefore, O Jesus Christ, thou Son of the living God, for these Torments, and all other thy Passions, I will honour and praise thee for ever, befeeching thee most humbly, that thy Passions may work effectually in me; and that being always mindful of the fame, I may rejoice, and comfort my felf herein against all the Temptations of Satan, and the Fear of Sin and the Law, and that thy Cross may be an Example to me; that walking in thy Steps. I render not Rebuke for Rebuke, but may imitate thy Long-suffering, praying for fuch as perfecute and offend

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me; and finally, that I may so think upon, and celebrate the Cause of thy Death, that the Consideration thereof may utterly extinguish all the Flames of unlawful Concupiscence, and bury the Enticements of the Flesh, and nourish the Love of Vertue within me, that so being wholly dead unto Sin, I may live unto Righteousness, and serve thee who bearest our Sins in thy Body upon the Cross, and who livest and reignest with God the Father in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, one God for ever. Amen.

An earnest Prayer for Mercy and Forgiveness.

Lord, I am a grievous Sinner, I have passed and broken the Banks of thy Commandments from the Womb to this Day; I have with the Pirate Satan, sailed in the Ship of Iniquity, so that I may say with Paul, I am chief of all Sinners. This must I needs confess to thee, thou God of Justice, and this Worm of Conscience biteth me; what then, good Lord, shall the Worm

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from the Womb have I been a rebellious Traitor to thy Majesty, a Friend to this World, to Godliness an Enemy. But now, O Lord, I cry unto thee, forgive me, forgive me! Now I come unto thee, therefore cover me with the Wings of thy Mercy, that I perish not; good Lord, accept thy Son's Merits for a Satisfaction for my Sins, drown them in the Stream of thy Mercy, and cast them behind thee for ever, good Lord, I beseech thee. O sweet Lord, look upon me with thy most precious and piteous Eye, lest that be destroyed which thou of thy great goodness hast made, and Christ thy Son of inestimable Love, and infinite Charity hath redeemed, through his bitter Passion. This is the total Sum unto thee of all my Suit, O Lord, Mercy! Mercy! O Father of Mercy: Mercy is the Thing that I beg, have Mercy and Pity upon me; be thou my Shepherd to defend me, my Castle of defence to save me against the Power of the Devil: Thou hast store of Mercy for them that ask it; therefore, O Lord, for the Wounds of

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of thy dear Son have Mercy upon me: Let not Sin sting me to Death, but lay to my fore Soul the Salve of thy Mercy: Grant this, O dear Father, of thy merciful Compassion; to whom be all Glory for ever, and for ever, World without end. Amen.

### A Prayer to God the Father.

Lord my God, wherein is my Hope fixed in this Life, or what is my greatest Comfort of all Things that are any where under Heaven, but only thou, my Lord and God, whose Mercy is infinite? When was it with me well if thou wert abfent, or ill if thou wert present? Doubtless I would rather chuse to be Poor for thee, than Rich without thee; and rather to be with thee a Pilgrim on Earth, than without thee to possess-Heaven: Where thou art, there is Joy and Peace of Conscience; where thou art not, there is Woe and Destruction; thou alone art the Thing I desire, and there is none can affift me in my Troubles but thou alone, O God: Thou art

my Hope, thou art my Confidence, thou art my Comforter in all Things most faithfully: All Men seek their own, but thou desirest nought but my Welfare, and turnest all Things for me to Good; therefore in thee, my Lord and God, I place all my Confidence; on thee I lay all my Calamities and Troubles; for without thee whatfoever I behold, is but frail and transitory: For neither can Friends profit, nor strong Men help, nor wife Men counsel well, nor learned Books comfort, nor Riches fave, nor fecret Place hide, unless thou be present to help, strengthen, comfort, instruct and keep; for whatsoever seems to belong to the attainment of Peace and Felicity without thee, is nothing, and bringeth indeed no Felicity at all; fo that thou art the chiefest End and Perfection of Life, and that in thee to trust, above all Things, is the chiefest Comfort of thy Servant. O my God and Father of Mercy, bless, make my Soul holy with celestial Happiness, that it may be thy facred Habitation and Temple purged from from all Filthiness. O Lord, according to the greatness of thy Mercy, look upon me, and hear the Supplications of thy poor Servant, living far off, a banished Man, in a savage Country: Protect and keep the Soul of thy Servant, among so many Dangers of this mortal Life, and bring me by the conduct of thy Favour, into the Country of eternal Glory, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all Honour, Power and Glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

# Prayers for FRIDAY Night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: Prepare my Heart, open my Lips, and give me thy holy Spirit, &c.

#### A PSALM.

WITH my whole heart have I fought thee; O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free

spirit.

Stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee, and turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity, and quicken thou me in thy way.

So shall I always keep thy law, yea,

for ever and ever.

At midnight I will rife to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgments.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort, according to thy word unto

thy fervant.

And let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight.

My foul hath longed for thy falvation, and I have a good hope because of

thy word.

O how sweet are thy words unto my throat! yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

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Through thy commandments I get understanding, therefore I hate all wicked ways.

Order my steps in thy word, so shall no wickedness have dominion over

me.

O let my foul live, and it shall praise thee, and thy judgments shall help me.

I have gone aftray like a sheep that is lost: O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Prayer for the Suppression of corrupt Affections.

O My God and most loving Father, I do acknowledge that I have most highly offended thy sacred Majesty, by my gross and most silthy Life, and have provoked thee to Anger by my abominable repeated Transgressions. Wherefore, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and pardon me this great Wickedness; look not upon me, O gracious Father, with the Eyes of Justice, neither do thou draw against me

me the Sword of Judgment. For how shall I, that am but Dust and Ashes, stand in thy fight, when thy wrathful Indignation cometh forth as a Whirlwind, and thy heavy Displeasure as a mighty Tempest; seeing the Earth trembleth, the Depths are discovered, and the very Heavens are shaken when thou art angry? Exercise not, good Lord, thy fury against me, who am but as Chaff before the Wind, and as Stubble against a flaming Fire. Though I have finned grievously in thy fight, preferring my wicked Desires before thy holy Commandments, esteeming the pleasure of a Moment before eternal and everlasting Joys; yet am I bold, O merciful Father, to prostrate myself before the Throne of thy Majesty, heartily to befeech, and humbly to intreat thee, that thou wilt not deal with me according to my Deferts; for I have none in Heaven to fly unto but thee, nor in the Earth of whom I may receive any Comfort, but at thy fatherly Hands, which are stretched out Day and Night, to receive all that by earnest am I

nest Repentance turn unto thee, and to refresh their distressed Consciences: Wherefore, O Lord, in the multitude of thy Mercies I approach unto thee, desiring thee to look down from the height of thy Sanctuary, upon me poor and wretched Sinner, and to wipe away mine Offences, and to blot out my

Misdeeds[especially\*]and all other ungracious, unclean, and ungodly Acts, that they may not come up in remembrance with thee, nor be imputed to me for ever.

\* Here the Supplicant may confess what soever Sinsly lheaviest upon his Conscience.

For thy Son's fake, O Lord, in whom thou art well pleased, and in whom thou wast fully satisfied upon the Cross for my Sins, grant me free Pardon and Remission, of whatsoever I have so foolishly, by my exceeding frailty committed against thee; but quicken thou me, O Lord, who art the Fountain of Life, and call thou out of Heaven thy Dwelling-place, that my wandring Soul may hear the Voice of her Shepherd, and follow thee whitherso-

ever thou leadest. O give me thy helping hand, and by thy Spirit cast down, fubdue, and mortifie my raging Lusts and Affections; let me not any longer be employed in ungodliness, lest mine Enemiestriumph over me: Pluck up, O my good Father, these Roots of bitterness, that no unfavory Fruit may come of the Tree, which thou of thine own Hand haft planted. I defire, I look, I call, I cry for thy Affistance, that I may conquer and subdue all the sinful and unruly Motions of my Heart. O bleffed Saviour, that haft granted fo many Petitions upon Earth to them that were careful for the Body, fulfil I pray thee this my desire, in behalf of my Soul; mortifie, good Father, in me the old body of Sin, and give unto me a new Body, purged from these Works, to serve thee the living God: renew my Spirit daily, that I may cast away these works of Darkness: Why should my Body, made by thy Hands, and my Soul framed according to thy Image, be given over as a Prey into the hands of Satan? Deliver me, O Lord,

Lord, from the Snare of the Hunter, and preserve me from the Hand of mine Enemy, who lieth in wait for my spiritual Life, and laboureth for my everlasting Destruction. To the I fly, O Lord, for Succour, hide me therefore under the shadow of thy Hand, that none of the fiery Darts of Satan take hold on me. For the Love thou bearest to Mankind, for thine own Name's fake, for thy Son's fake Jefus Christ, who hath taken our Nature upon him, grant that I may not be tempted above my Strength, but that in all Temptations I may fly unto thee, as mine only Comfort and Salvation, and may find thee ready of thine abundant Mercy and Goodness, to give me Grace and Desire to withstand all the Motions of finful Flesh and inordinate Affections: Which word of thine, I befeech thee, O Lord, to perfect and fully accomplish in me, that I may do all Things pleasing in thy fight for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Redress of a sinful Life.

Most merciful God and dear Father, grant that with Sincerity of Heart I may defire thee, defiring may feek thee, feeking may find thee, find-. ing may love thee, and loving may fo faithfully ferve thee, as never to return to my former Iniquities : Give me, O Lord, a penitent Heart, and a contrite Spirit: Quench in me, O King of Glory, the Lust of my Flesh, and kindle in me the Fire of thy Love. O my Redeemer, take from me the Spirit of Pride, and most favourably enrich me with the Grace of Humility. Remove from me, O my Saviour, the Fury of Anger, and graciously arm me with the Shield of Patience. O my Creator, root out of me all Rancour, and endue me with a chearful and meek Heart, and bestow upon me a persect Faith, right Hope, and constant Love: preferve me from all Vanity, inconstancy of Mind, wavering of Heart, fcoffing of Tongue, wicked Slandering; from the vice of Hypocrifie, the poyfon

poy son of Flattery, Contempt of the Poor, Oppression of the Weak, from greedy Avarice, cankered Envy, and deadly Blasphemy. Root out of me, O my Lord and Maker, rash boldness, Contumacy, Frowardness, Negligence, Idleness, Blindness of Heart, Obstinacy of Mind, favage Conditions, Contempt of what is good, Rigour towards my Neighbour: O my God and merciful Father, I beseech thee in Jesus Christ, to incline me to Works of Mercy, and endue me with a true godly Zeal, to fuffer with the Afflicted, to minister to the Needy, to counsel them that go astray, to comfort the Sorrowful, to pardon them that trespass against me, to love them that hate me, to render Good for Evil, to imitate the Good, to beware of the Evil, and to embrace Vertue, to guard the Door of my Mouth, to watch the Enemies that compass my Lips, to despise worldly Things, and earnestly to thirst after the Heavenly: Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour; to whom be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

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A Prayer for continual Remembrance of our End.

God, the only Giver of Life, and the maintainer and preferver thereof, and of the Life after Death; grant me true Confideration that this Body of mine is built upon an earthly Foundation, and framed of the Substance of Dust and Clay, which is not durable, and that the glory thereof vanisheth like the flower of the Field, which is foon cut down and withered; the Body is the Mansion, or rather the Prison of the Soul, and the same so frail, weak and feeble, subject to so many Causes that procure the separation of Body and Soul, that Death often happeneth when we think least of it; wherefore grant, O God, of my Life, that I may have fuch continual care, forefight, and diligent Respect to the direction of my Doings, Thoughts and Words, as never to load my Soul with the burthen of senseless Security, Sin and Iniquity, nor that my Body being fuddenly intangled with the Snares

Snares of Death, may ever be carried where there is no Rest nor Joy, but continual mourning and anguish of Mind: O my loving Father, enlighten mine Eyes that I sleep not in Sin, nor wander in Darkness, according to the will of the Flesh; but make me always willing to come unto thee, even with defire; when it pleafeth thee to call me: Let 2012 mentdraw back when thou invitest me to Economic Talesheavenly Kingdom, as by thy Word and Gospel preached and revealed to us, which is an especial Calling of us: And when I feel my felf grieved or vexed with any kind of Sickness or Disease, which is another way of thy Calling of us, and an especial Warning that we must die: Yea, and when I am at my daily Bufiness, or when I eat or drink, when I amin'my best Temperature and Health, at all times, and in all Places give me Grace to think that Death standeth always ready to strike me. Suster me not, I beseech thee, to sleep in Sin and Security, nor, how fuddenly foever the time of my departure shall come, to be taken unprovided, and perish without Repentance. O Lord, such is the blindness of our Nature, that we think this World a continual Being for us, in the state of the state of

fee many Days, where we cover heap Sin upon Sin, to the over-burdento see ing of our Souls, feldom or not

at all thinking to the But grant, Lord, that as I defire to live, fo I may have a greater defire to live well, that I may make a happy End, abandoning the fear of Death, that the meditation thereof may dwell in Peace within the Mansion of my Heart, and when it shall approach near unto me, I fly not from it, but that I may go forth with Joy to meet it: Confidering that it is a means to end my Woes, and to begin my Joys; it is the finishing of Sorrow, and the entrance into Blifs, where is nothing but Joys unspeakable; and contrary here on Earth, nothing but Care and Woe: Which moved thy Servant Job to call his Life a Warfare, where is nothing but Conflicts

flicts between the Flesh and the Spirit, daily Increase of Sin, and continual

Care of Vanity.

O God give me a careful Heart to love thee; whilft I live here give me continual Fear, unfeigned Zeal, perfeet Faith, and godly care to do good unto all Men, and earnest desire to come unto thee, who art the End of all Trouble and Labour, the Beginning of Bliss, the End of Death, and the Beginning of Life; whereunto, Lord, grant that with unfeigned defire, I may faithfully endeavour my felf to come, where thy Son is gone before to direct us the Way, and make all those that thou findest with the Lamp of true Faith burning in their Hearts, Partakers of the everlafting Joys thereof: In the Number of whom. O Lord, accept me here, and cleanse me from all my Sins, that I may appear among them in the World to come, through the fame thy Son Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all Praise and Glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to Jesus Christ for Heavenly Comfort.

O Jesus, grant I beseech thee, I may rest and repose myself in thee before any Creature; before all Honour, Power, Dignity, and Confolation, over and above all Hope and Promise; yea, and above all the Hoft of Heaven. O when shall it be fully granted to me, that I shall forfake myself, and see how fweet and pleasant thou art, O Lord my God! O Jesus, the Brightness of eternal Glory, the Comfort of the wandering Soul; my Mouth is bent towards thee without speaking, and silently speaketh unto thee. How long will my Lord my God withdraw himfelf from coming to me? come to me thy Servant, Comfort me, my Lord, put forth thy helping-Hand, O God, and deliver me; for without thee there can be no restful Day, nor quiet Hour: Thou art my Joy, thou art my Comfort, and without thee I am Comfortless. Jesus, infinite in Pity, infinite in Power, infinite also both in thy Rewards, and and in thy Punishments; I am weak, but willing with my Soul to love thee; with my Flesh to fear thee; with my Mind to honour thee; with my Mouth to praise thee; and with my whole Heart to ferve thee: But Alas, I am fo clogged with Corruption; I am fo drowned in Flesh and Blood, that I fcarce either dare or can lift up my Head to look unto thee; and yet, why should I be ashamed when thou invitest me? Why should I be faint, when thou not only encourageft, but also enablest me, or at the least acceptest my weak Endeavours? Strive then, O ye very Bowels of my Soul, strive with all your strength, to raise up your Thoughts out of this mire of Mortality, wherein they stick, and out of these Waves of fleshly Affections, wherein they float: Advance thy felf, O my Soul, towards thy Creator; frame thy Affections to love him for his Goodness; to honour him for his Greatness; to rejoice in him for his Merits; to pray to him for his Mercies, which daily thou dost need, and by needing doft doft crave, and by craving doft obtain; if not according to thy Defires, yet very far above thy Deferts: Wherefore, bleffed be thou, O Lord my God, which haft been thus infinitely gracious to me thine unworthy Servant. What can I say more unto thee, O Lord, but humble myself in thy Sight, and be always mindful of mine Iniquity and Unworthiness; for of all the wonderful things in Heaven and Earth, there is none like unto thee, O Lord. Thy Works are excellent, thy Judgements are upright, and by thy Providence all things are grounded. O Father of Wisdom, all Glory, all Laud and Praise be unto thee; my Mouth, my Soul, and all the Powers of my Heart shall praise thee without ceasing. O my God, both now and for ever. Amen.

## An Evening Prayer.

O Eternal God, omnipotent and merciful Father, I prostrate myself before thy Throne, beseeching thee in the Name of thy Son Jesus Christ, to blot out all my Transgressions, by which

which I have offended thy Divine Majesty this Day; forgive, Lord, all the Sins which from my Youth I have done, and be merciful unto me; guide me with thy Wisdom, that when I walk, it may go with me, when I sleep, it may keep me, and when I awake, I may talk thereof. O Lord, be thou my Watchman and Protector this Night, that Troubles and vain Imaginations do not invade me, neither the fear of Death overwhelm me, nor my Sleep in the Night disturb my Thoughts and Understanding, when I should take Rest; but grant me a good and quiet Sleep going unto my Bed, which representeth my Grave, that rifing in the Morning to render due Praise and Thanks unto thee my Protector, I may likewise at the Day of Judgement, rife as one of thy chosen Children, upon thy right Hand into Heaven, where I may fing Praises unto thy holy and blessed Name for ever. Amen.

A concluding Prayer.

O Most righteous God, for thy great Mercies sake, hearken to these my Prayers Prayers which I have now made unto thee, and confider, Lord, the Defires and Thoughts of my Heart, in thy Mercy, and let mine unfeigned Prayers enter into thine Ears: Hear, O Lord, for I am destitute of thy Help; take care for my Soul; fave me thy unworthy Servant, which wholly trusteth in thee; have Mercy, O Lord, have Mercy upon me, for I will never cease crying unto the for thy Help and Mercy. In the day-time will I call on thee, and in the Night my cry shall not be hid from thee. O thou God of the Heavens, and Maker of all Creatures, hear me a Most wretched Creature calling on thee; and take away from me all my Sins, and confirm my Faith and Confidence in thee, and in thy Promises; that I putting my Trust in them, may have, as thou hast promised, everlasting Life, through the Merits of thy Son Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all Praise and Glory, for ever and ever, World without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

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# Prayers for SATURDAY Morning.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father, bleffed be thy Name for ever: Prepare my Heart, open my Lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.

#### A PSALM.

Whom have I in Heaven but thee, O Lord, and there is none upon Earth that I desire in comparison of thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the Strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

For lo, they that forfake thee, shall perish, and thou wilt destroy them that commit fornication against thee.

But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, and to put my trust in my Lord God, and to speak of all his works.

For God is King of old, the help that is done upon earth, he doeth it himfelf.

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Wherefore I will cry unto God with my voice, even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

When I am in heaviness I will think upon God; when my heart is vexed I will complain.

I have confidered the days of old,

and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my Song, and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and fearch out my spirits.

Will the Lord absent himself for eve, and will he be no more intreated?

Is his Mercy clean gone for ever; and is his promife come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? and will he shut up his loving-kindness

in displeasure?

And I faid it is mine own infirmity, but I will remember the years of the

most High.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind the wonders of old time.

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I will think of all thy works, and
my talking shall be of thy doings.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

### A Morning Prayer.

Almighty Protector and Keeper both of the Souls and Bodies of the faithful, I yield thee humble and hearty Thanks for defending me, and faving me this Night past, and all the rest of my Life hitherto, from sudden Death. and from all other Perils and Dangers whereinto my Soul and weak Body are fubject to fall, and wherewith I am fo befet, that had I not been preferved by thee, it could not otherwise have been, but my Body had perished, and my Soul been carried into everlafting Perdition: But most sweet Lord, my Succour and Defence, who haft continual regard to the fafety of thy Servants, and never causelesly sufferest them to be overcome with any kind of Danger, vouchsafe to forgive me, whatsoever I have committed and done against thy Divine Majesty, either sleeping or waking this Night, or at any time, fecretly

cretly or openly heretofore, by Reason of the Corruption which remaineth in me: And grant, that as I have, by thy protection, passed this Night, so I may enjoy at thy merciful Hands, whatfoever thy Fatherly Providence shall think meet and convenient for me; and fo in hope of thy Loving-kindness and Mercy, go forward this Day, and all my Life, in perfect Love, unfeigned Zeal, and continual Obedience to thy most blessed Will; that, so continuing unto the End, I may receive the Reward of thy Coelestial Kingdom, which thy Son Jesus Christ hath purchased for all true Believers in thee; in the number of whom, sweet Lord, for the Mercies of him thy Son, vouchfafe to place me, that I with them, and they with me, may continually fing Laud and Praise unto the Trinity eternally. Amen.

A Confession of Sin to God.

MOST gracious God and loving Father in Jesus Christ, I confess mine Unrighteousness, which maketh me unworthy to come before thee, not only in regard of mine original Corruption, which I traduced from disobedient Adam, but in regard of my continual Sins, and actual Evils, which I daily commit against thee, whereby I cannot but be offensive unto thee, and ever loathsome in thy facred Eyes: But alas, such is mine estate, considered as it is in and of myfelf, that I can bring forth no better Fruits than the Tree of Adam's Disobedience, whose Roots, as they are Sin, fo bear they Sin in me, and confequently procure Death and Destruction: But dear Father, as by Adam Sin entred and took hold of himself, and of all his Posterity; so by thy Son Jesus Christ we are all justified by our adoption into his Righteousness of thy free Love, if we take hold of thy Promises in him, and become obedient unto thee: And therefore, dear Father, howfoever our Corruptions as they are in us of our felves, have enflav'd and brought us in Bondage to Sin and Death; fo let thy Son's Merits be unto us a sufficient RanRansome for our everlasting Liberty; not only to come freely to the Throne of Grace, but in the End to obtain the Joys eternal with him in Heaven, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit for ever, World without end. Amen.

A Prayer for Ability to worship God a-right.

Most gracious God and loving Father, establish my Heart and Mind in the true Worship of thy Divine Majesty: Make me to believe thyholy and facred Gospel, wherein I am daily and hourly instructed to love, fear, honour, and obey thee; to hate Sin and Iniquity; to renounce all superstitious Ceremonies, whereby thy Worship is defaced; thy Glory profaned, and thy Honour greatly diminished. Give me Grace to hate Sin, and to renounce the Vanities and wanton Pleasures of this wicked World: And finally, give me Power from above to withstand Satan the Prince of Darkness, and all his damnable Ministers, who, by divers TempTemptations provokes and allures us from godly Purity, and perfect Integrity, (which paffeth only from Christ Jesus to us, who is the fulness of our Perfection and Holiness) to all kind of Evil, Impiety, and Uncleanness; by Means whereof thy Glory is greatly profaned, and purpofely contemned. Make me, O Lord, I befeech thee, by the Power of a fruitful Faith, to refift and bridle the Concupifcence of my Flesh, in such fort that my Soul may triumph with Victory, and continue constant in worshipping thee, from whom cometh the Fulness of my Joy. Prepare my Heart and Mind to spread forth the Glory of thy Name; keep my Tongue from all filthy Talk, and uncomely Gesture, lest by the Exercises of such Sin, I contemn thy Worship, and provoke thee to Displeasure against me. Set thou a Watch before the Gates of my Mouth, that my Lips may by Grace be opened to found forth thy Praise and Glory. Be merciful to mine Offences, and think not on my Unrighteousness, but of thy Clemency forgive freely, freely, and Pardon graciously all my Sins; make me faithful in Christ Jesus; shorten the dangerous Days of Iniquity; increase the Number of thy chosen and peculiar Saints; hasten thy Coming, O Saviour Christ, that I, with the Fellowship of thy Saints, heavenly Angels, and the blessed Company of Martyrs, may celebrate thy Praise, and worship thee in thy glorious Kingdom, before thy Father, my God, and the Holy Ghost; to whom be all Honour, Praise, and Glory, for ever. Amen.

## A Prayer taken out of the first Psalm.

Almighty and most gracious God, take away from me, I beseech thee, all evil Counsels, and then my Sins: Suffer me not to run into an ungodly and wicked Life; and finally, keep my Mind far from the contempt of Godlines, and scorning of Virtue, and instead of these Evils, grant that I may continually be employed in thy Law and sacred Scriptures, and that I be not carried about like the Wicked, as light Dust, and fruitless Chast, with every

Blast of Affection and Doctrine; but rather, that I being a Tree planted by the Water-brooks, and endued with the Life of thy Spirit and Faith, I may also, by the same Spirit, bring forth the Fruit of good Works; and that what-soever I take in Hand it may prosper, and tend to the Praise and Glory of thy Name, and surtherance of my Salvation; and that at the last, when the Wicked shall fall away in thy Judgements, I may stand stedsast, and be made Perfect through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour, for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be unloosed of the Bands of Satan.

O Lord, by thy mighty Power, subdue the Works of Satan in me. O thou wicked Seducer, thy Works are destroyed, thy Bands are broken, thou shalt not take or bind me: Avoid Sin, thou hast lost thy Sting; thou wast condemned in the Flesh, nailed to the Cross, and Crucissed with my Lord Christ: Avoid Death, for thou art dead; and Hell, for thou art swallow-

ed up in Victory; avoid thou Dragon and all thine Angels, for our bleffed Michael, the Lord of Life, hath beaten thee, and broken thy Head; he hath freed us from Sin, and led away Captivity Captive; even He, Satan, hath over-mastered thee, that cried out unto me, Fear not, for I have overcome the World; even He that hath promifed to be with me to the End of my Pilgrimage, and crieth out, That if He be with me, none can be against me: Fight therefore Satan, as long as thou wilt, thou shalt at length be put to the foil; for the mighty Lyon of the Tribe of Judab telleth me, that there is no Condemnation to them that be in Him; that Jesus is the Conqueror of the whole World, and Vanquifher of thee, rage thou never so much; therefore I fay, avoid me, for in Christ Jefus I have paffed the Sea of my Sins, thy curfed Army; and if thou follow to pursue me, thou shalt be drowned in the Red-Sea of Christ's Blood; to whom be all Honour, Power, and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen. A Prayer A Prayer to obtain the Kingdom of Heaven.

Father, Merciful and Everlasting, be merciful unto me, and give me a Feeling of thy bleffed Will; open unto me the Way of true Knowledge, prepare my Steps to walk aright, that in all the Course of my Life, I may be guided aright, so as to savour more of Heavenly, than of Earthly Things; and let my whole Delight be to meditate Righteousness, to make me imbrace Equity, and execute Justice, and abound in Love, Mercy, Sanctity and true Holiness; and to furnish me largely, good Lord, with all spiritual Graces, whereby I may continually feek thy everlafting Kingdom, and practife the Righteousness thereof for ever; illuminate my Understanding by thy Spirit, and let thy Word be my whole Comfort, and the use thereof my continual Delight; and banish, good Lord, all superfluous Care of worldly Things from my Thoughts, that I may by a continual holy Meditation of thee, and Things

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Things above, use the Things of this Life, as if I used them not; knowing this, and assuring my self by thy Promise, that if I seek and covet to have my Conversation on Things Spiritual, all temporal Things shall be ministred unto me: All which my Petitions, grant me, O Father, for thy dear Son's sake Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, to whom be all Glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

Prayers for SATURDAY Night.

O Lord my God and beavenly Father, blessed be thy Name for ever: Prepare my Heart, open my Lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.

#### A PSALM.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

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I look for the Lord, my foul doth wait for him, in his word is my truft.

My foul melteth away for very heaviness, comfort thou me according to thy word.

O take from me the way of lying,... and cause thou me to make much of

thy Law.

Make me to go in the paths of thy Commandments, for therein is my defire.

O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in thy Judgments.

I will never forget thy Commandments, for with them thou hast quick-

ned me.

Wherefore O ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

For when I called upon thee, thou heardest me, and enduedst my soul

with much strength.

And though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me.

The Lord shall make good his loving kindness towards me, yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever, defpife not then the work of thine own hands.

. Wherefore I will praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious, O let us fing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever, fo doth thy memorial, O Lord

from Generation to Generation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Prayer for a blessed and godly Life.

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Merciful Father, the Author of my Salvation, and my Defender, in whom only I put my whole trust; I unhappy Wretch have many ways offended thee, I have done Evil before thy Face, I have provoked thy Displeafure, I have finned, and thou hast fuffered me, I have transgressed, and yet thou bearest with me: And besides all this, while I defer from time to time, thou

thou tarriest for me. O Lord, the God of my Health, I cannot tell what to answer, there is no Place to fly from thee, or to hide me; thou shewest me the way to live well, and givest me Knowledge how to go: Wherefore, O Father of Mercy, and God of all Confolation, possess my Heart with thy. Fear; that with fearing I may escape those Things which thou threatnest. And grant me the Comfort of thy Salvation, that in Loving, I may obtain those Things which thou promisest: O Lord, my Strength and Deliverer, tell me how I shall think of thee, teach me with what Words I shall call upon thee, and the Works wherewith I may please thee: O most mighty God, that art bleffed for evermore; I commit into thy Hands at this time, and at all other times else, my Soul, my Body, and all my Thoughts, Affections, Words and Works: My Memory, my Faith, my Belief and Continuance in the same, that thou mayest defend them with thy most mighty Power, that thou maist keep them Day and Night, and every Moment

Moment of time: Hear me, O holy Trinity, and keep me from all Evil, from all Offences, from all Deceits and Despites of the Devil, and from all mine Enemies, Visible and Invisible. Give me, O Lord, perfect Sense and Understanding, that I may be able to perceive thine exceeding and great Mercies. Teach me what I shall ask, and graciously hearken to that which I require: Give me Tears from the bottom of my Heart, that may unloose the Bands of my Sins. If thou regard me not I perish; if thou look upon me, I live. If thou examine my Righteoufness, I stink and am corrupt, being dead; but if thou look on me with Mercy, thou raisest me out of my Grave. Spare my Soul, spare my Sin, visit me that am Weak, heal me that am Difeased, give me a Heart to fear thee, a Mind to love thee, Ears to hear thee, and Eyes that I may always fee thee. I ask, Lord, Remission of all my Sins, have Mercy on me, and hear me, O God of my Salvation: I have asked fome Things which I need, I have remembred oly

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membred those Things which I fear; wherefore vouchfase me thy Grace, Or Lord, to live in thy true fear to my Lives end, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour: To whom be all Honour and Glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A Prayer for Faith, and Ability to ... pray.

Most gracious God and dear Father, I thy unworthy Servant, ignorant of all good Things, unprofitable and unfit to serve thee, by reason of my Corruption, do yield thee all humble thanks, that thou dost vouchsafe me Access to the Throne of thy Mercy in Christ, where all Wisdom, Aid, Consolation and Comfort do abound. and from whence all good Gifts and Graces do most frankly flow unto thy Children. I here a Sinner, in regard there is in me no Strength to stand, nor Wisdom to walk, nor Faith to frame my Affections according to thy Will, do heartily crave Supply of the good Gifts at thy Hands: Wherefore dear L4 Father,

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Father, grant me thy holy Spirit; which being inspired into me by thy Divine Power, may work in me fuch Effects as are fit for the strengthning of my weak Understanding, and for the Increase of Faith, and renewing the inner Man, I may become a fit Member of thy Church. Good Father sanctifie me within and without, purifie mine Affections, and let me be made holy in all my Proceedings. Direct me to call upon thee aright, and fettle me in a found course of Life, and let Faith. unfeigned be the Ground of all my Defires, that I may be thereby renewed daily in a lively hope of thy gracious Deliverance, whenfoever I am touched with any Calamity: Dear Father, banish all Unbelief in me, and make me thereby faithful, that by thy divine working, I may be able to conceive aright, speak aright, and walk aright : O learn me, and I shall be learned; teach me, and I shall understand and do thy Will; then shall neither Prosperity puff me up, nor Calamities cast me down, nor any Evil make me afraid:

afraid: O happy Man that is fo far in thy favour, that obtaineth this Bleffing at thy Hands! therefore I fly unto thee my All-fufficient, and truly helping God and Father, be pitiful to thy perplexed Children: To thee I fly and will not faint, for I believe thy Promises. Lord help my Unbelief. Thouart the. Cause and absolute Persection of my Soul, the Preserver of Life, the everlasting and only Good that I seek after, from whom, as from a lively Spring floweth whatsoever is good, either for Soul or Body. Perfect therefore in me this good Gift, O Lord increase it in me more and more daily; that I applying the same in humble manner, with reverent Prayer to thy Divine Majesty, both for corporal and spiritual Relief, may be continually heard, and fo resting herein under the shadow of thy facred Wings, may be fafe and fecure in all my Miseries. Good Lord I here commend my whole Estate to thee in all Patience, humbly befeeching thee, that in thy good time, I may reap the Fruit of a lively Confidence in

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thee: Namely, what in this Life is expedient for the Preservation and Maintenance thereof, and after this Life, the absolute End thereof, that is, eternal Salvation in Jesus Christ; to whom with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all Glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be defended against our Enemies.

O Lord strengthen my Faith, and arm me with continual hope in thee, whereby I may be able to withstand all the Cruelties of mine Adverfaries, in fuch a manner, that they may know it to be thy felf who fightest for me, and defendest my Cause against their Fury. Behold, O Lord, my trust is in thee, thy Rod and thy Staff comfort me, and support me, that I fall not into their Hands by trufting unto mine own Policy and Wisdom, which is but a foolishness before thee; nor to the help or friendship of Man, which is but vain. Lead thou me, O Lord, and guide me in all my Doings, Thoughts and Words, left I erring from thy Commandments.

mandments, incline my Heart to Vanity and Vice; and so mine Enemies take just occasion to say, Ab, we saw it with our Eyes, and bring up an evil Report of me, and that defervedly. O Lord guide me in all Truth, establish my Heart with true Desire and Strength to walk uprightly in all thy Ways: Vouchsafe to keep me from the dangerous defires of fleshly Lusts, and from haunting the Place suspected or polluted with Uncleanness, lest mine Enemies taking just occasion by my lewd Behaviour, speak that indeed which may redound to my Shame and deferved Infamy. Finally, O Lord, keep me from all Evil; and though by reafon of my Corruption I be naturally inclined to Wantonness and Excess, give me Sobriety, Lowliness, Love, even to mine Enemies, Chastity, Wisdom, and discreet Understanding, both of their Wills and mine own Weakness, that fo through thy Grace, leading the whole Course of my Life in Sincerity and godly Behaviour, I may magnifie thy holy Name, who fo regardest the Prof-

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Prosperity of thy Servant, that thou fufferest him not to fall into the Hands of all fuch as would eat him up. And let not the Adversaries of thy Truth, O Lord, unjustly rejoice over me. I am in thy Hand, and they are within the Compass of thy Power, stay their Fury, and let them not fucceed in their Devices against me; I refer all Things to thy heavenly Providence, and wholy commit my felf into thy Hands, humbly praying thee, for Jesus Christ's fake, to deal with me and them, according to thy Mercy and Loving-kind-ness; and not after our Deserts. Be thou merciful unto me, and evermore mightily defend me, unto my Life's end, conducting me uprightly in all my Ways, for the glory of thy holy Name; to whom with thy Son and the Holy Ghost, be all Honour, Power and Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for the opening of the Eyes of our Understanding.

O Sweet Jesus, lighten me with the brightness of eternal Light, and drive all Darkness, as it were, from the Mansion House of my Soul. Suppress the wandring Thoughts, and break in pieces these violent Temptations. Fight thou my God for my Defence, and vanquish those evil Beasts, the inticing desires of the Flesh, that by thy Power I may get Peace, and fing out thy Praises in the holy Court of my Soul. Send thy Light and Truth which may lighten this Earth, for I am rude Earth, good for Nought, until thou enlighten me. Pour out thy Favour from above, and replenish my Soul with thy heavenly Grace. O Lord, lift up my Mind, which is preffed down through the weight of Sin, and stir up the same wholly to the defire of heavenly and celestial Things, that having tafted the sweetness of supernatural Happiness, it may greatly grieve me even to think of this World, and and its numerous Temptations. Take me, O Lord, or rather pluck me from all momentany Pleasures of earthly and vain Things, and join me unto thee by an indissoluble Band of good Will, for thou alone art sufficient, and without thee all Things are vain, and of no Price in my Heart, to whom, O my Lord God, be all Glory for ever. Amen.

# A godly Meditation, or Prayer.

Lord my God, I altogether unhappy and comfortless, have grievously offended thee: How often have I trespassed against thee, and how often have I deserved thy Displeasure, and yet how feldom haft thou punished me? How often haft thou been Good and Merciful unto me, how often have I promised and vowed Amendment, and how little and feldom have I performed it? I dare not lift up mine Eyes towards Heaven, because I have sinned against it, and in Earth I cannot look for Refuge, because I have been a Reproach, and a Shame unto it; what then. n

then, shall I despair? No, for God is Merciful, and a loving Saviour, he doth visit them that live in Darkness, and is a chearful Light to them that sit in the Shadow of Death; he willeth us to forgive our Brother, though he offend seven times, yea, and infinitely, and is more Merciful than any Man can be. Return thou therefore unto thy Lord God, pray unto him humbly for Grace, and continue to bewail thy Sins past, because he that loveth thee, provoketh thee daily with his Gifts to love him, and will not leave till he have made perfect his Work begun, and brought his Mercy to full effect in thee. What natural Cause beginneth his Work, and leaveth it in the half way Imperfect? And as by natural Order, and right Course, Things do proceed and increase by little and little, from the less to the more; even so doth God first dispose us to his Mercy, and then increasing his Goodness, daily bestoweth on us, in the End, the Treasure of his Grace, the Inheritance of everlasting Joys. Very Love, worketh in natural

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tural Causes to bring forth their Effects to Perfection, which if it be so in Creatures, what will the Creator do, which is Love it self, and infinite Goodness! he will withdraw thee from thy Sins, and make thee clean and pure, and finally bless thee with eternal Life. O Lord, I come unto thee, humbly waiting for thy Mercy, thou art my Hope and Help, according to thy great Goodness and Mercy in Jesus Christ, have Mercy on me now and for evermore. Amen.

# A Prayer for Perseverance in Prayer.

Commandment, in mine Afflictions and Necessities I seek to thee for Succour by continual Prayer, and calling upon thy Name; therefore, most dear Father, strengthen me by thy holy Spirit, that I may still persevere in Prayer, and with longing desires patiently wait for thee, being assured, that although it appear not as yet, thou art always present with me, and hearest my Complaint, and wilt, when thou seess

feeft thy time, declare thy felf manifeftly in renewing my Heart with spiritual Joy. Stir up, O Lord, I befeech thee, my fluggish Nature to call upon thee continually, that appointing thee neither the Time, nor the Means of my Rescue; but leaving all to thy good Will and Pleasure, I may in the mean time never cease by continual Prayer to call for thy merciful Deliverance. And whenever thou shalt mercifully take upon thee to deliver me, may I then fully with my whole Heart acknowledge thy Goodness towards me, and never let it flip out of my Heart, but that I may continue thankful for the fame all the days of my Life, whereby thy Glory in me may be declared, and my Soul relieved, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### An Evening Prayer.

My Lord God and merciful Father, I humbly befeech thee in Jesus Christ, that thou wilt vouchsafe to hide and forgive all my Sins and Transgressions whatsoever, that from my Infan-

Infancy unto this present time, I have committed against thy Divine Majesty. O'Lord be thou my Light in Darkness, then shall my Light be as clear as the Day. O heavenly Father bless me, O bleffed Son keep me, O Holy Ghoft, three Perfons and one God, deliver me this Night from all Sin and Evil that may be hurtful to my Soul and Body, that so with Confidence in thee, I may lay me down to Rest, and none make me afraid, because thou art my Protector. O holy Spirit, at my last Gasp be thou my Might, when my Strength faileth, my Sight departeth, mine Ears wax deaf, and my Mouth dumb, and when all my Senses forfake me, then give me fome Sense of eternal Life, that I may tafte in this mortal Body, the beginning of thine everlasting Comfort: and at my Departure out of this World, I may behold by Faith thy Divine Presence, and so sleep quietly to eternal Life, through Jesus Christ thine only Son, my Saviour; to whom be all Honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

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DIRECTIONS and PRAYERS relating to the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's-Supper.

Some short Directions before the Receiving of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sheraments should of all Men be admired and honoured; not so much respecting the Service which we do unto God in receiving them, as the Dignity of the sacred and secret Gift we thereby receive from God. They are the visible Signs of invisible Grace; which indeed is the very End these heavenly Mysteries were instituted for: They are the powerful Instruments of God to eternal Life; for as our natural Life consistent of the Union of the Body and Soul, so doth our Life supernatural in the Union of the Soul with God. His Flesh is Meat, his Blood

is Drink; not by furmifed Imagination, but truly; even fo truly through Faith, we perceive in the Body and Blood, facramentally presented, the very Taste of eternal Life.

For the worthy receiving of this Sacrament, these four Things are very con-· siderable.

- 1. Preparation, or Examination.
- 2. Faith.
- 3. Repentance.
- 4. Thanksgiving.
- 1. Preparation confisteth in Self-examination, and in an Act of the Soul reflecting upon itself, in a general Survey of our spiritual State in Grace, comparing our present Condition, which we find in ourselves, with the Word of God, by which will quickly appear what we should have done, and the Evil we should not have done.
- S. Paul's Admonition is, that before receiving of this holy Sacrament, there should be a strict Examination. Let a Man examine bimself, and so let bim eat of this Bread, and drink of this

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ar di Cup, I Cor. II. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh to his own Damnation.

Therefore certainly great is the Danger to us, if Premeditation precedes not this great Undertaking. Thus faith the Lord, Consider your ways, Hag. 1. 5. Confider well what you go about, for this Duty is no perfunctory Employment; no Exercise by the by, but such a Work as ought to be done exactly, feriously, with deep Meditation and Study, recollecting in privacy, and calling to Question all thy Actions past, the omission of good Duties, and the doing of Evil; fweeping, as it were, all the Corners of thy Heart, and view thy felf in the Glass of God's Law, by which quickly will appear thy great and many Sins of all Kinds whatfoever; as want of Love, and Fear of God; abusing his Mercies and Bleslings; neglect of Works of Charity, Piety and Justice; offending thy God by Blaspheming, Curfing, and customary Passion; Intemperance, by Gluttony and Drunkenness, Luft, and uncharitable Desires; Hatred.

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Hatred, Malice, Backbiting, and all manner of evil Imaginations: These are they that defile the Soul, except we do as the Prophet commands us, Ifa. I. 16 Wash us, make us clean, put away the Evil of our doings before the Lord's Eyes, and cease to do Evil, we shall at last be rewarded with him that had not on the Wedding-Garment. Therefore. laying afide all carnal Security, and Self-diffimulation, Commune with thy self and be still. Pfal. 4. Search thy Soul; enquire of thy Conscience, and rip up thy Bosom Sins, and confess them to the Lord in deep Sorrow and contrition of Heart, imploring his Mercy, stedfastly purposing by his blessed Assistance to lead a new Life: Accuse thy felf, and fay with the Prodigal in the Gospel, Good Father I have sinned, I am not worthy of the least of thy Mercies; it is thy Mercy I am not Confumed! And with Mary Magdalen, cast thy self down at the Feet of Jesus, and wash them with Tears, in Tokens of thy Sorrow, and Signs of thy Love; and be truly forrowful for fo often Offend11 *fe* 

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en dOffending so gracious, so merciful a God as our God, the greatness of whose Love can't be measured; whose Mercy hath no Bounds. Therefore, O my Soul! contemplate of the great Goodness of our good God, which hath this Day fent Salvation to thy Soul, and calleth thee to this great Feast, to be partaker of the precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, being prepared by humble Repentance, to receive in Faith and Joy thy bleffed Redeemer, giving Thanks always to God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, whose Mercy is everlasting, and whose Truth endureth from Generation to Generation.

2. Faith, which is a certain Know. ledge with an affured Confidence kin led in our Hearts by the Holy Ghost; being affuredly resolved, that the free Remission of all our Sins, everlasting Righteousness, and Life eternal, is given unto us through the Mercies and Goodness of Almighty God, for the

alone Merits of Jesus Christ.

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For, by Grace are ye saved through Faith, and not of your selves, it is the Gift of God, Ephes. 2.8.

Being justified freely by his Grace, through the Redemption which is in

Jesus Christ, Rom. 13. 24.

For, as by one Man's Disobedience all were made Sinners; so by the Obedience of One shall many be made Righteous, Rom. 5.

3. Repentance, which is a godly Sorrow for Sin, wrought in the Heart by the supernatural Grace of the Holy Ghost, turning from all our evil Ways unto God, in meekness and humility of Spirit.

Circumcife therefore the Fore-skin of your Hearts, and be no more Stiff-

necked, Deut. 10. 16.

Wash thy Heart from Wickedness, that thou mayest be saved! How long shall thy vainThoughts lodge within thee? Jer. 4. 14.

Return ye now every one from his evil Ways, and make your Doings good. Jer. 11. Let Of the Sacrament.

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Let us fearch and try our Ways, and turn again unto the Lord, Lam. 3.4.

Return again unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine own Iniquities, Hos. 14. 1.

Draw nigh to God, cleanse your Hands ye Sinners, and purify your Hearts ye Double-minded, Jam. 4. 8.

4. Thanksgiving, praising God the Lord for all his Benefits and Mercies, especially for sending his only Son Jesus Christ, to die for the remission of all our Sins, and always to be mindful of the Greatness of his Goodness, and the Unworthiness of our Deserts.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive Power, Riches, Wisdom, and Strength, and Honour, and Glory, and Blessing, Rev. 5. 12.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing Praises unto my God, while I have my Being, Psal. 104.

Accept, I beseech thee, the Free-will Offering of my Mouth, O Lord, Pfal.

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Let us offer the Sacrifice of Praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our Lips, giving thanks to his Name, Heb. 13. 15.

# PRAYERS relating to the bleffed SACRAMENT.

An humble Confession before the Sacrament.

O Most mighty God and merciful Father, which, according to the multitude of thy Mercies, dost put away the Sins of those which truly repent, and rememberest them no more; open, O Lord, I beseech thee, the Eyes of thy Mercy upon me thy most unworthy Servant, who, in Heart, earnestly desires Pardon and Forgiveness of all my Sins and Offences! the number of which exceeds the ordinary Expectation of Mercy! and such they are, so heinous and offensive, as not to be capable

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But, O Lord, with thee there is Mercy, that thou mightest be feared: Thou art a God of all Comfort and Consolation, a merciful, loving, and gracious Father, ready and willing to hear all penitent Sinners, that in Heart are forrowful for their Sins! In the Name therefore of Jesus Christ, my blessed Redeemer, I humbly prostrate myself before the Throne of thy Mercy-feat, accompanied with no other Hope, than fuch as proceeds from the Richness of thy Mercy, that for his only fake, thou wilt have Compassion upon me; for in humility of Spirit and contrition of Heart, I submit myself to thy Goodness, beseeching thee not to let my Sins be a Cloud between my Prayer and thy Pity, thy Goodness and my Distress; but forgive and forget all my Transgressions, all my Mis-doings, let them be Sins of what condition foever; whether Sins of my Youth, Sins of my Body, or Sins of my Soul; fecret and open Sins; notorious and prefumptuous Sins; Sins of Pride, Envy, Hatred, Malice, &c. Good Lord, remit them all.

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all, and of thy great Goodness, grant me perfect Remission and Absolution for the same! for with the Prophet David; Out of the Depth of my Misery I cry unto thee for the depth of thy Mercy. O Lord, hear my Petitions, and consider my Tears! the Contrition of my Heart, and the Sorrow of my Soul! and in the Merits of his Blood that was so plentifully shed on the Cross for penitent Sinners; wash away the multitude of my Transgressions, that my Soul, by thy Mercy, being cleansed from the Stain of Sin, I may be found a worty Partaker of this great Mystery.

And now, O Lord, that I am about to receive the bleffed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ; how shall I, that am so great a Sinner, Dust and Ashes, dare presume to approach thy Table? The Heavens in thy sight are not clear, and the pillars of the earth shake at thy presence. What then shall become of me miserable Wretch that I am! Yea, Lord, thou hast provided a special Means, and in thy Gospel left us a Command, Come unto me all ye

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that are weary and beavy laden, &c. Which Command I obey, and in confident Assurance of thy Promise in Christ Jefus, I trust thou wilt have Mercy upon me, in the easing and refreshing of my Soul, that is wearied with the burthen of my intolerable Sins! Wash me throughly from my Wickedness, and cleanse me from my Sin, and renew a right Spirit within me: And of thy gracious Goodness direct me in this great Action, with a reverend and awful Fear of thy Majesty, that all the Faculties of my Soul and Body may be intent rightly to apprehend, and joyfully to receive this Eternal Food; this Bread of Life; this heavenly and wonderful Myftery! and that by thy Grace, I may obtain the Vertue, Fruit, and Benefits of the Death and Passion of my Saviour; and by the same, the Remisfion of all my Sins, and everlafting Salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Most holy and heavenly God and Father, which by the immortal Seed of thy Word haft begotten us to be thy Children, and with the same (as with Milk) dost nourish us purely as new born Babes; as also with the Divine Mysteries of thy holy Sacraments (as by a visible Word) dost confirm and strengthen us in Faith and Righteousness; and having so adopted us into thy Family, continually feedest and nourishest us unto eternal Life: I humbly befrech thee to prepare my Soul to the due receiving thereof worthily, that I may thereby effectually feel, taste and feed on thy Son Fesus Christ (the true Manna and Bread that came down from Heaven) that I may by him have eternal Life. Pardon, (O Lord) my unpreparedness in coming to the participation of so holy and divine Mysteries: Make thy Word and Sacraments always to powerful and effectual in mine and all good Christians M 4 Ears

Ears and Hearts, that we may thereby be fanctified and renewed unto all holy Obedience unto thy Will, in the Mortification of our finful Corruptions, and renewing of thy perfect Image in us (unto Holiness, Righteousness, Sobriety, Truth, Knowledge, Faith, and Temperance) through his most powerful and glorious Refurrection. Stablish our Conscience in the Assurance of our Salvation, by the Remission of our Sins in the Blood of thy Son, which was shed for us on the Altar of the Cross (as a Sacrifice of Expiation, to cleanse away all Sin.) O Lord, feal and confirm this Covenant of Grace in our Hearts by these holy Sacraments (Pledges of thy Grace and Love towards us) that at no time we may stagger at thy Promifes, nor fall away from Hope and Confidence in thee; but being hereby incorporated into one Body, we may partake of one Spirit, and grow in Love one towards another (as Members of the same mystical Body) that we may forgive one another, as thou hast forgiven us. O Lord, make us ever thankful for thy manifold and great Mercies,

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the bleffed Sacrament. 243. in providing us such Means and Helps of our Salvation; and grant that we may not put any Confidence in external Actions and Exercises thereof (in any hope to be justified thereby) but that we may thereby exalt our Minds to heavenly and spiritual Contemplations, and by Faith be firmly united to thee our Head, in Heaven, to be made one with thee, and thou with us: And howsoever heretofore we have transgreffed and defiled ourselves, as well with our natural Impurities, as actual Impieties, henceforth (being now washed and purified in the Blood of the Lamb which was facrificed for us) we may have our Conversation in Heaven; and being new Creatures in Christ, may have new Thoughts, Desires, and Delights, (far from the Lusts of our former Ignorance) and may live ever unto him, and with hlm, who fitteth atthy right Hand, our Redeemer and Advocate, and shall return to be our Judge, to justifie and acquit us before thee; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be

all Praise, Honour and Glory for ever.

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unto thy fervant.

3. Help me, O God of my falvation, for the glory of thy name: O deliver me, and be merciful unto my fin, for thy name's fake.

4. O remember not my old fins! but have mercy upon me, and that foon, for I am come to great mifery.

5. Confider and hear me, O'Lord my God, for my trust is in thy mercy.

6. Turn thy face from my fins, and

put out all my mif-deeds.

7. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away my offences.

8. Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my

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9. For Lacknowledge my faults, and my fin is ever before me.

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fop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

and renew a right fpirit within me.

offences of my youth, but according to thy mercy, think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

14 For thy names sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

mercy upon me; for I am destitute and

in mifery.

16. Remember not, O Lord, mine imiquities, nor the iniquities of my fore-fathers, neither take thou venge-ance of my fins, but spare me, good Lord, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood, and be not angry with me for ever.

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17. Bleffed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.

18. Bleffed is the man, unto whom the Lord imputeth no fin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

19. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will fave such as be of an humble Spirit.

20. O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in him.

21. O Lord thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant according to thy word.

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Glory be to the Father, &c.

Most gracious Lord God, I beseech thee help thy Servant whom
of thy Mercy thou hast created, repair the Ruins of my Soul, inlarge the
Frame of my Understanding, cleanse it
from all filthy Corruption, and garmish it with all heavenly Graces, that
it may be both conveniently sit, and
furnished to receive thee, that thou
mayst make thy Entry, and possess
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the bieffed Sacrament. 247 that which is thy own, both by Creation and Redemption, and Merits of thy Passion, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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# Before the Receiving.

# Ex Liturgia.

CRant O most merciful Father I beseech thee, that I receiving these thy Creatures of Bread and Wine, according to the holy Institution of our Saviour Jesus Christ, in remembrance of his Death and Passion, may be Partaker of his blessed Body and Blood, and that my sinful Body may be made clean by his Body, and my sinful Soul washt through his most precious Blood which was shed for the Remission of all my Sins, through the same Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Immediately before the Receiving. Matth, viii. 8.

Lord, I am not worthy thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the 248 Panyace delating to the word only, and my foul shall be healed.

dry Pallion, throlls O Lamb of God, let me eat thy flesh, and drink thy blood, that I may live everlastingly by thee : and cloath me with the Wool of thy Mercy, that no Winter or Storm of fin do pinch my filly Soul.

O bleffed Jesus, let the blood that ran from thy bleffed heart, wash my foul from all fin and iniquity, and purchase me thy heavenly grace and benediction. Amen.

# Immediately after Receiving.

Raife the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name; and forget not all his Benefits; which faveth thy Life from Destruction, and crowneth thee with Mercy and loving kindness, Pfal. 103.

I will give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his Mercy en-

dureth for ever, Pfal. 106.

Allelujah, Salvation, and Glory, and Honour, and Power, be unto the Lord our God, Amen. Revel. xix. 4.

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Thanksgiving after the Receiving of the blessed Sacrament.

#### Ex Liturg.

Almighty and everlasting Lord God; I thy most humble Servant, according to my bounden Duty and Service, do render unto thy fatherly Goodness, all possible Praise and Thanksgiving, forthatthou hast wouchfafed to feed me with the holy Mystery, and spiritual Food of the precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ thy Son and my Saviour; affuring me thereby of thy Grace and Favour towards me; and that I am a Member incorporate in thy mystical Body, the bleffed Company of faithful People; and also Heir through hope of thy everlasting Kingdom, by the Merits of his most precious Death and Passion: And grant me, O Lord, for the time to come the Assistance of thy Grace and heavenly

heavenly Benediction, that I may continue in all fuch good Works as thou hast prepared for me to walk in; to the glory of thy Name, and my everlasting Comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord: To whom with thee and the holy Ghost be all Honour and Glory World without End. Amen.

#### A PSALM.

I. PRaise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy name, which saveth thy life from destruction, and seedeth thee with the bread of Heaven.

2. I will always give thanks unto the Lord, his praises shall ever be in my mouth.

3. Thy merciful kindness is evermore towards us: and thy truth, O

Lord, is everlasting.

4. Great is the Lord, and marvellous, worthy to be praised, there is no end of his greatness.

5. He loveth righteousnets and judgment; the earth is full of the good-

ness of the Lord.

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6. Be glad, O ye Righteous, and rejoice in the Lord, and be joyful all ye that are true of heart.

7. I will give thanks unto thee with my whole heart; I will speak of thy

marvellous works.

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8. O praise the Lord with me, and

let us magnifie his holy name.

9. Let my heart be filled with gladness, and my mouth with praise, that I may sing of thy glory, and with the rest of thy Saints, give honour to thy Majesty in the eternal fruition of thy presence through Christ.

10. My mouth shall speak of the praise of the Lord; and let all slesh give thanks unto his holy name for ever

and ever. Amen.

Vers. Praise the Lord.

Resp. The Lord's name be praised.

Almighty and eternal God; what worthy Praise can I give unto thee, by whose Goodness I was created, by whose Mercy I was redeemed, by whose Power I was preserved, and by whose Grace I hope to be glorified;

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rified; and for all other Bleffings and Benefits which I enjoy both in Soul and Body; and efpecially, for feeding me this Day with the precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. I will therefore offer unto thee the Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving, and always praise thy holy Name, befeeching thee to pour upon my Heart the sweet Streams of thy Mercy; conform my Life, confirm my Faith, and guide me by thy Grace, that thy Servant may with strong Assurance of thine infallible Truth and promifed Mercy, vanquish and fubdue whatfoever rebellethagainst thy bleffed Will; keep holy my Soul and Body, and let them not be defiled by the Commission of Sin; but that my full Delight and Joy may be in thee, and I may walk before thee in Sincerity of Heart and godly Conversation, that I may here on Earth glorific thy Name, and after this Life with all thy faithful Flock poffes that everlafting Inheritance, which thy Son Christ Jesus hath purchased. To whom with thee and the Holy Ghoft, be all Honour

nour and Glory World without End.

Amen.

John v. 14.

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Behold thou art made whole, sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

1 John i. 17.

If we walk in the light, as he is in, the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Ephef. v. 1, 2.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear Children, and walk in love, as Christ also bath loved us, and given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

Ephef. v.

Te were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord. See then ye walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Jude 25.

To the only wife God our Saviour, he Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and ever. Amen.

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# Prayers for the Sick.

Remember not Lord our offences, nor the Offences of our Fore-fathers, neither take thou vengeance of our fins, but spare us good Lord, spare thy People, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

# Spare us good Lord.

O Lord I beseech thee favourably to hear the Prayers of thy Servant, that I which am rightly punished for 256 Papers for the Sick.

for my Offences, may by thy Goodness be mercifully delivered for the Glory of thy Name: Through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth World without End. Amen.

Lmighty and everlasting God, in A whose Hand consists the Life of all Mankind, which correcteft those whom thou receiveft; mercifully I befeech thee to hear my Complaint, and despise not the Prayer that I make now in the time of my Trouble, in the Vexation of my Spirit, and the Anguish of my Soul. I remember thee, and cry unto thee for Mercy; O thou that haft created, and made me of nothing, and redeemed me from the Bondage of Sin, Death, and everlasting Destruction, by the most precious Blood of Jesus Christ, shed upon the Cross for the Ransom of all my Sins; Have Mercy upon me, O Lord, have Mercy upon me, bow down thine Ear unto my Cry, and cast me not away in thine Anger, though for my Wickedness I have deserved thy Wrath

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Wrath and heavy Difpleasure against me: And now for my Transgressions. in thy Indignation thou; haft stricken me with grievous Sickness, and I begin to fall as Leaves beaten with a vehement Wind, yet are thy Punishments less than my Deservings. But of thy Mercy and Goodness, O Lord, correct me not to Death but to Amendment of Life; for thine own fake, for thy holy Name's fake, for Christ Jesus sake be merciful unto my Sin, for it is great, and there is no Rest in my Bones, by reason of my Transgression: Spare thy Servant, O God, which confesseth his Sins; pour thy fanctifying Grace into my Heart, and work thereby true and immediate Repentance, and restore me again to thy Favour, according to thy gracious Promife in Jesus Christ: Let thy merciful Providence to govern all this Sickness, that I never fall into utter Darkness, Ignorance of thee, or Inconsideration of my, self; let the Faintness of my Spirit, and the Condemnation of my felf, be overcome with thy irrefiftible Light, thou God of

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of all Consolation; grant that I may be mindful of the great Account that I have to make at the Day of Judgement, and that I may bear in mind the Image of that which is to the faithful, the end of Mifery, and the Beginning of all Happiness; but to the secure and careless, the Beginning of eternal Pain. Strengthen my Faith, accept my repentant Tears, speak Peace to my Soul and Conscience, and say, thou art my Salvation, My Grace is sufficient for thee; then shall my Heart rejoice, and my Soul shall be right glad, defiring to be diffolved, and be at Peace, that after this my bodily Death, I may enjoy the eternal Fruition of thy heavenly Presence: Let me not, O Father, in this my Trial, be stricken with Fear of Condemnation, or distrust thy Promises, but in sure Confidence of Heart, apply to my felf the Remission of my Sins, that at the last Gasp, by Faith in Jesus Christ, I may have a taste of eternal Salvation: Let not Death (if thou please to send it) be terrible or bitter unto me; but grant that

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int hat that whenever it cometh, I may with Toy receive the fame, and having efcaped the Hardness of Temptation, and the Peril of Satan, I may triumph like a Conqueror, and behold the Power and Presence of thy holy Spirit: Let my last Words be those which thy Son did utter upon the Cross, saying; Father, into thy Hands I commend my Spirit: And when my Speech is taken from me, hear the Groanings of my Heart, and Defire of my Soul, that thy Servant may depart in Peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom be all Praise, Power, Might, Majesty and Dominion, now and for ever. Amen.

The Sick faith, Job xiv. 1.

MAN that is born of a Woman, bath but a short time to live, and is full of misery; be cometh up and is cut down like a flower; be fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one state. In the midst of life we are dying; of whom shall we seek for succour and comfort but of thee O Lord our Maker?

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#### A PSALM.

I. IN thee, O Lord, have I trusted, let me never be confounded; but rid me and deliver me in thy righte-ousness, incline thine ear to me and save me.

2. O Lord rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

3. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord heal me, for

my bones are vexed.

4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my foul; O fave me for thy mercies fake, for in death no Man remembreth thee, and who shall give thee thanks in the pit?

5. Consider and hear me, O Lord my God, lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death, shew me thy marvellous loving kindness, thou art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

6. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, 0 God of my salvation! look upon my affliction and pain, and forgive all my sins.

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7. O remember not my old fins, but have mercy upon me, and that foon, for I am come to great mifery.

8. Preserve thou my Soul therefore, O my God, and save thy servant that

putteth his trust in thee.

9. O comfort the foul of thy fervant, for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift

up my foul.

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nercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the Son of thy handmaid.

for good, that they which hate me, may fee it, and be ashamed, because thou Lord hast holpen me, and comforted me.

and that soon: so shall I rejoice and be

glad all the days of my life.

down greatly, I go mourning all the day long: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax, it melteth in the midst of my bowels.

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14. Help me, O God of my Salvation, for the glory of thy Name, O deliver me, and be merciful unto my fin, for thy Names sake.

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15. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out

of all their troubles.

16. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and will fave such as be of an humble spirit.

17. O tarry the Lord's leifure: be frong, and he shall comfort thy heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

18. O put thy trust in God, for I will give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Cher, who art the Health of all Men living, and the everlasting Life of them which die in Faith; open I befeech thee the Eyes of thy Mercy upon me thy sick Servant, who in Heart am truly forrowful for all my Sins; and of thy fatherly Goodness, according to the Multitude of thy Mercies, put away

away all my Transgressions out of thy Remembrance: Renew in me what has been decayed by the Fraud or Malice of the Devil, or by mine own Frailty; preserve me in the Unity of the Church, consider my Contrition, accept my Tears, and asswage my Pain, and if it be thy blessed Will, restore me to my former Health; or if otherwise thou hast appointed, give me Grace so to take this Visitation, that after this painful Life ended, I may dwell with thee in Life everlasting. Amen.

Lord Jesus preserve me, Lord Jesus comfort me, Lord Jesus pray for me; for only into thy Hands, who hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of Truth, I commend my Soul both now

and for ever. Amen.

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Lord have Mercy upon me. Christ have Mercy upon me.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

I heard a voice from Heaven, saying, unto me, Write, from henceforth, Blest-N 2 264 Prayers for the Sick.

fed are the Dead which die in the

Lord.

#### A PSALM.

1. O Lord rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

for I am weak: O Lord heal me, for

my bones are vexed.

3. My Soul is also fore troubled: but Lord, how long wilt thou punish me!

4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my foul: O fave me for thy mercies fake.

5. For in death no man remembreth thee: and who shall give thee thanks in the pit?

6. I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed, and water my

couch with my tears.

7. My beauty is gone for very trouble, and worn away because of all my enemies.

8. Through thee have I been holden up ever fince I was born: thou

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art he that took me out of my mothers womb, my praise shall be always of thee.

9. Cast me not away in the time of Age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

10. O hide not thy face from me, nor cast away thy servant in displeafure.

11. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, O God of my salvation.

12. I am poor and needy, make hast unto me, O God, thou art my help and my deliverer, O Lord, make no long tarrying. O Lord deliver me from the power of the enemy.

Lord help thy poor fervant that put-

teth his trust in thee.

Send me help from thy holy place, and evermore mightily defend me: be unto me a strong tower, O Lord, and evermore cover me with thy wings.

O Lord hear my Prayer, And let my cry come unto thee.

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I know that my Redeemer liveth, and hat

that I shall rise out of the Earth in the last day, and shall be covered again with my skin, and shall see God in my sless; yea, and I my self shall behold him, not with other, but with the same eyes.

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O Almighty and immortal God, the Saviour and Defender of all that put their Trust in thee; the only Refuge and Hope of the Distressed in time of need, mercifully behold the Sorrows of my Heart, and the Groanings of my Spirit: Thou hast, O Lord, of thy Power made me of Nought, and in thy good time I shall return to Nought again. I brought nothing into the World, neither shall I carry any Thing away when I depart: Thou art my Portion, my Salvation, my Mediator, and my Saviour. O bleffed Jesus, by thee came Grace and Life to the Chofen, O receive me to thy Mercy; thou fufferedst most cruel Death for my sake, and art rifen the First-fruits of them that fleep; thou art crowned with Power and Glory, destroyedst Death, and

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and givest eternal Life to all Believers: Thou, O Saviour Christ, shalt raise me up in the last Day, and give me Possession of thy everlasting Kingdom, which thou hast purchased in thy Blood and Righteousness, according to the Will of our merciful Father, whom thou hast pacified and pleased, for my Redemption and Salvation; for the performance of the Oath which in his eternal and unsearchable Purpose he promised our Fore-fathers, whereof in thy merciful favour thou hast called me to be Partaker, whereby I am taught and comforted by thy holy Spirit, to despise this World, and this corrupt Tabernacle of finful Flesh, which of it felf hath deserved nothing but Death and Damnation, and wholly to rely upon thee. Therefore, O Lord, stand by me, and defend me against the Asfaults of Satan, that after triumphant Victory, through Grace and Power in thy Spirit, I may joyfully lay afide this earthly Body, and come into thy Presence, O Lord, to rest in blissful Peace, until the Delivery of thy Saints, N 5 with

with whom I am in affured hope, by the witness of thy holy Spirit, to have my portion of the Inheritance of perpetual Salvation, and Life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

O my Soul be joyful in the Lord and despise not his Correction, neither

faint thou at his Rebukes.

For whom the Lord loveth, him he correcteth: Yea, he scourgeth every Child whom he receiveth.

Thy Sins were innumerable, neither couldest thou claim any Thing as thy due, but Death and Damnation.

Thy merciful Lord hath accepted thy Tears, and repentant Groanings, and turned away his Face from thy Offences, he freely hath forgiven thee thy Sins.

And because thou hast repented, and trusted in his Mercy, he hath put them out of his Remembrance, neither will

he think on them any more.

He will receive thee into his House, and crown thee with Glory and Kindness. Thou shalt stand before his Presence

in the Sanctuary everlafting.

With Angels, and with Arch-Angels; with the Patriarchs, and Prophets, with the faithful Witnesses, and with the rest of the chosen Children of Grace, to honour him, to serve him, to magnify him, and praise him with continual Thanks in eternal Joy and Felicity, for ever and ever. Amen.

### A PSALM.

God, my God, look upon me, why hast thou forsaken me, and art so far from my health, and from the words of my Complaint?

2. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever? How long wilt

thou hide thy face from me?

3. O God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not; and in the night-feason also I take no rest.

4. And thou continuest holy, O thou

worship of Israel.

5. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy, and thy loving-kind-ness, which have been ever of old.

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6. Shew thy Servant the light of thy countenance; and save me for thy mercy sake.

7. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forfake me, O God of

my Salvation.

8. My time is in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies.

9. O keep my foul and deliver me: let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

10. O my foul, thou hast said unto the Lord thou art my God, my goods

are nothing unto thee.

of mine inheritance; I have set God always before me, for he is on the right-hand, therefore I shall not fall.

12. Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiced: my flesh also

shall rest in hope.

13. For why, thou wilt not leave my foul in Hell, neither shalt thou suffer me to see corruption.

14. Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness

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pleasures for the Sick. 271 of Joy, and at thy right-hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, &c. As it was in the beginning, &c.

O spare me a little, and suffer me to recover my strength, O Lord, before I go from hence, and be no more seen.

Now, O my foul, look upon Christ Jesus the righteous, thy Advocate and Redeemer, who is ready to receive thee; therefore be glad in him, and give Thanks, rejoicing in the Visitation of the Lord, by which he hath prepared thee for the heavenly Jerusalem, and everlasting Bliss! I acknowledge, O Lord, I have deferved to die, and the Defire I have to live, is for the Amendment of my Life, and in some better measure to set forth thy Glory: Therefore good Father, if it be thy Pleasure, restore me to Health again, and grant me long Life. But if thou hast in thy eternal Decree appointed this Sickness to be a preparation to my immediate Diffolution, and by it to call me out of this transitory Life; I resign, commit,

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and willingly commend my Spirit into thy Hands and holy Pleasure; beseeching thee to be merciful to me, to bless me, and preserve me from the second Death, the everlasting Destruction both of Body and Soul. Let my Soul throughly consider of the Account I have to make to thee my God, and how few Minutes soever it hath to remain in my Body, let the Power of thy Spirit recompence the shortness of Time, and perfect my Account before I pass from hence and be no more seen. Be pleafed, O Lord, with the all-sufficient Atonement of thy Son for my Sins. Let the Infiniteness of my Offences, rely upon the Infiniteness of thy Mercy by his Sufferings: Breath inward Comfort into my Heart, and Confidence in thy gracious Promises; that though my Body be going the way of all Flesh, yet my Soul may go the way of all Saints. Lord hear me and help me, stand by me and fave me, and if it be thy determination to lay my Body in the Grave, receive, I befeech thee, my departing Soul into thine everlasting Kingdom, to rest in Toy

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Joy and Peace for evermore; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Sick faith.

O My Soul, thou which art endued with the Image of God, redeemed with the Blood of Jesus Christ, enlightned by the Holy Ghost, adorned with Vertue, and designed for the Society of Angels:

Love thou him who loveth thee, trust in Him who careth for thee, seek

thou Him who seeketh thee.

My Soul, O Lord, heartily defireth to attain to that supernatural City, whereof such things are spoken: My Heart longeth, my Soul thirsteth till I

enter into my Father's Joy.

To which everlasting Joy, O Lord, receive my Soul, where all thy Saints rejoice in eternal Joy and Thanksgiving, singing Praises and Allelujahs to thee the Lord our God.

Eye bath not seen, nor Ear bath heard, neither have entered into the Heart of Man, the things that God hath prepared for those that love him.

Glory be to to the Father, &c.

# Directions for the SICK.

MAN, for the violation of that great Command which God his Creator gave him in the Beginning, hath exposed himself and his Posterity, to a certain and heavy Doom, in these Words: Thou shalt die the death, for the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Rom. 6.

Variable, and therefore miserable, is the Condition of Man; this Hour, this Minute in Health, in the next, by a sudden Change and Alteration, at the Point of Death: In the Morning, flourishing like a Palm, like a green Baytree, in the Evening cut down, dried up and withered; for we consume away in thy Displeasure, and are asraid at

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Directions for the Sick. 275 thy wrathful Indignation, Pfal. 90. All flesh is grass, and the glory thereof as the flower of the field, Isa. 40. The glory of Man is as the flower of the field, which withereth and falleth away, I Pet. 1.24. He confidereth we are but Flesh, and as the Wind that passeth away, Pfal. 78. Our Life is but of a short continuance, and full of Trouble; Man cometh up like a Flower, vanisheth like a Shadow, falls fick and dieth, fleepeth, and rifeth not, until the Heavens be no more, Job 14. As soon as it pleases God to scatter us, we are even as afleep, and fade away fuddenly, and in his Anger all our Days are gone, and ended as a Tale that is told. And what Man living shall not see Death? Dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return, Gen. 3. 19. Thy Body shall return to Earth, the Center of the Body; and thy Soul to Heaven, to God which gave it, to everlasting Glory, who at the last Day, the Day of the Resurrection, will re-collect, re-unite thy Body, tho' turned to Atoms, to thy Soul, at the Voice of the Angel's Trumpet,

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pet, Arise ye dead and come to Judgement; the righteous to receive everlasting Happiness, and the Wicked eternal Torment.

Wonderful and great hath the Love of God been unto Mankind, in our Creation, Redemption, Prefervation, and giving us affured Hopes of eternal Salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for being fallen from Bleffedness, by the Sins of our first Parents, into the Snares of Satan, and thereby become his Bond-flaves and Servants, overcome by Sin, Job 8. and being Servants of Sin, we are freed from Righteousness, Rom. 6. God so loved us, that he fent his only Son to be a Reconciliation for our fin, Job. 4. 10. Rich is his Mercy, whereby he loved us, Epb. 1. Christ suffered for our Sin, to bring us unto God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickned in the spirit, 1 Pet. 3. He fent redemption to his People, Holy and Reverend is his Name, Pfal. 111. He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all Iniquity, Tit. 2. Therefore bleffed be the

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Directions for the Sick. 277 the Lord God of Ifrael, for he raised up a mighty Salvation for us in the house of his servant David, Luke 1.68.

Our Life here on Earth is a Warfare. full of Trouble, Misery, and Vexation of Spirit; a daily Tempest, and consinual struggling between the Mind and the Flesh; the Law of God, and the Law of Sin; and so numerous are the Calamities and Troubles of our Days, that were it not for the hope of Heaven. it would be little better than Hell itself. Crosses and Afflictions, Troubles and Molestations unavoidably rush in upon us, as fast as Fob's Messengers, hourly and daily; for Men, as they are all the Sons of their Mothers, are subject to all Mifery, born to live few Days, in many Dangers: whose Glory may well be compared to the Shadow in the Sun, which in the Morning of our Greatness, is in a goodly Lustre; at Noon at the Full, beside us; at Night in the Wain, quite behind us. There is nothing in this Vale of Mifery permanent or certain; Prosperity and Adversity not long afunder: Health and Sickness 278 Directions for the Sick.

ness often at variance; no Joy, no Happiness, no Felicity no Tranquillity, for continuance, can be expected here in this World. The only Ease and Confolation to our Distresses, the blessedness of Content, and Rest to our wearisome Souls, is to be looked for in the World to come. What Honour, Glory, Pleasure, or earthly Delight soever, but is subject to Instability, transient and uncertain? Which made the Wife-man upon his Experience, cry out, Vanity of Vanity, all is Vanity. And the fingular Motive to a Man in any Affliction quietly to bear Sorrow, Need, Sickness, or any Advertity whatfoever, is, that by the sweet united Bleffings, Patience and Content, at the last, by paying an inexcusable Debt to Nature, which, whoso liveth, of what State or Condition foever, cannot but think he must pay, will bring us to that eternal Rest, to the bleffed Enjoyment of eternal Felicity, to dwell in Glory for evermore: For bleffed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, faith the Spirit, that they may rest from their low

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low them, Rev. 14. 13.

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Death is a Sleep, a Departure from dead Earth, enlivened at first by Breath put into it. And to die in God's Fayour, is to be no more unhappy. It is true, to those over-swayed by Nature, Death is accounted a Misery, but to Men refined by the light of Judgement, it is esteemed the only Remedy against Misery. As it is the Wages of Sin, it is due to us; and as it is the End of all Grief and Sickness, it belongs unto us. It delivers us from all Cares and Troubles, and bringeth us to all Joys unspeakable. By it we shall receive Fulness of Grace, perfect and accomplished Regeneration and perfect Glory; which while we are on Earth, we have but in part : Here we see darkly as in a Glass, then shall we see Face to Face. The Heavens you behold, shall be superinvested with new Endowments; made everlafting Habitations for the Saints departed. By Death we pass to Immortality; nor can we attain eternal Life, but by leaving this Life; yet corporal corporal Death is no Period of Life, but a Passage to Eternity: Though our Body sleep a while in Dust, it shall rise again after thy Likeness. As for me, faith the Prophet David, I will behold thy Face in Righteousness, and shall be satisfied when I awake. Holy Job saith, though all my Flesh be consumed to the Bones, yet thy Spirit blowing upon dead Bones, can revive them, and couple them again with Sinews, and cloath them with Flesh. The dead Men shall live together, with my dead Body shall they arise. Awake and sing ye that dwell in the Dust, for thy dew is as the dew of Herbs, and Earth shall call out the dead, Isa. 26. 19. For I know that my Redeemer liveth; and though after my Skin, Worms destroy this Body, yet in my Flesh shall I see God: if the earthly house of this Tabernacle be disfolved, we have a building of God, an House not made with Hands, eternal in Heaven, I Car. 5. Christ is risen from the dead, and made the first Fruits of them that flept, I Cor. 15. Though in Adam all die, yet in Christ shall all be

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be made alive. That Body that was fown a natural Body, shall rife a Spiritual Body, I Cor. 15. Therefore let us be comforted, and not fear the pains of Death, the Approach of which fuddenly makes a Man to know himself; he tells the proud and infolent, that they are but Dust, and in an Instant makes them to repent, and hate their forepast Happinels: He takes an Account of the Rich, and proves him a Beggar, having Interest in nothing but in the Earth that fills his Mouth; shews the Beautiful their Deformity, and they hate it: He draws together the far-stretch'd Greatness, all the Pride Cruelty, Vain-glory, and Ambition of Man, and covers it all over with Dust in the narrow Limits of a Grave. And though for fome Years the Body lies mouldred in the Grave, it shall at the last be raised in Honour and Glory, purified, perfected, and immortalized, from a Dungeon of Misery, to a Place of Felicity; to our own Country, that blefsed Paradise, where we shall meet with Abraham, Isaac, and Facob, the Patriarchs

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archs and Prophets, Saints and Angels, our Friends and Kindred gone before us, which we shall see and behold in Mount Sion, the City of the everliving God, in the Company of innumerable Angels, praising and magnifying the Lord of Heaven, in white Robes, and with Palms in their Hands following the Lamb wheresoever he goeth.

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I will wait till my Change cometh, then shalt thou call me, and then shall I answer thee, O Lord, I come and appear before thee, Job xiv. 14.

As the Heart panteth for the Waterbrooks, so longeth my Soul for thee,

O Lord, Pfal. 42. 1.

And for as much as all mortal Men are subject to many sudden Perils, Diseases and Sicknesses, and ever uncertain what time we shall depart out of this Life, there should no Day pass without Consideration of our last End; which Meditation is very requisite, both for them that are in perfect Health, and those that feel the Hand of God by Sickness: That Death will come is certain, but when, how, or where, is very

Directions for the Sick. 283 very uncertain. It is appointed for all Men once to die, Heb. ix. 27. but the Day when, God hath not revealed, because we should be ready every Day. It comes as foon to the young Man, that glorieth in his Strength, as to some in a good old Age; to the rich Fool in a Night, as to the Poor in the Anguish of his Soul; to some violently, to others untimely by Accident; to fome by fudden and unexpected Death without Warning; to all some one way or other. And feeing Almighty God hath pleased to lay this Sickness upon you, and give you therein Time to repent, assure your self it is in his Visitation fent to you to try your Faith and Patience, or else to correct and amend what is amiss in you, or whatsoever hath offended your heavenly Father; for every Child whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, to prepare for a better World. Affliction seals us up to Adoption; by it he exercises his Children, and the Graces he bestows upon It is a special Means to fur-

ther our Contrition and Repentance. In

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Affliction, faith the Lord, they will hear me. David's Troubles made him pray; Hezekiab's Sickness made him weep; and Misery drew the Prodigal Child home. We have the Prophets Examples and Patterns of bearing Afflictions patiently; which, though the Punishment and Shame of Sin, God turns to be the Subject of his Honour and Glory, in faving a Sinner, that calls upon him in Faith and true Repentance. to Heaven. His Chastisements are Signs of his fatherly Love; which tho' for the present it seem grievous unto us, afterward it bringeth quiet Fruit of Righteousness, to those whom the Lord giveth Grace to make a fanctified use of it, for which he hath inflicted this Sickness on you.

And know you certainly, tho' your Sins are many and grievous which you have committed, by the Temptation of the Devil; yet upon your true Repentance, God hath promifed to forgive; the Benefits of which, are the escaping of eternal Death, God's everlasting Punishments, and the attaining eternal Salva-

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Salvation. Where Sin abounds, there Grace much more abounds. God calls all those that are heavy laden, to refresh and ease them of all their Trouble; the Lord for saketh no Man, that doth not first forsake him. Look not fo much upon the Guilt of thy Sins, as to the Riches of his Mercy, and let thy Soul be comforted in the All-fufficient Atonement of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Let the Wicked (saith the Lord) forfake his Way, and the unrighteous Man his Thoughts, and let him return unto me, and I will have Mercy upon him, and I will pardon him abundantly: Let not your Conscience be terrified at the Remembrance of your Transgressions, for there is no Sin bars a Man from Salvation, but Incredulity and Impenitency. Therefore lift up your Hearts unto the Lord, call unto him for Mercy, repent earnestly of your Sins, and have a lively Confidence in Christ's Merits, and doubt not but upon your humble Contrition and Sorrow for Sin, with Sighs and Tears (the Blood of a wounded Soul) God 286 Directions for the Sick.

God will receive your Soul into everlasting Happiness, to live in eternal Glory, which he of his infinite Mercy grant through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sick faith,

Od the Father of Heaven, have Mercy upon me miserable Sinner.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have Mercy upon me miserable Sinner.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have Mercy upon me miserable Sinner, &c.

by thine Agony and bloody Sweat, by thy Cross and Passion, by thy precious Death and Burial, by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord deliver me.

In all Time of our Tribulation, in all Time of our Wealth, in the Hour of Death, and in the Day of Judgement,

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I Humbly befeech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon mine Infirmities, and for the Glory of thy Name turn from me all those Evils that I most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all my Troubles, I may put my whole Trust and Confidence in thy Mercy, and evermore serve thee (if I live) in Holiness and Pureness of Living, to thy Honour and Glory, through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

The Friends of the fick Party shall exhort him to examine himself of his Estate both towards God and towards Man; that so by the condemning of himself, he may find Mercy at the Hands of God, for Christ Jesus sake.

I. Of the Confession of his Faith.

2. Of his Sins and Offences, both against God Almighty, either Publick or private; or his Neighbour in Word or Deed.

3. Of his Confidence and Faith in Jesus Christ, for the Death and Passion

he suffered for all Sinners.

4. Advise the Party to send for the Minister, that he may pray with him; for the Lord hath promised to hear the Prayers of the Faithful for us, and to forgive us our Trespasses; and that he may give him the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the living Bread that came down from Heaven; If any Man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever: The Bread that I give is my Flesh, which I will give for the Life of the World; for whosoever eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood, hath eternal Life, and I will raise him at the last Day, Joh. vi. 51.

5. Advise him to call to mind what Injury or Wrong he hath done to any Man in Word or Deed, that he may like good Zacheus, make Satisfaction where he hath injuriously and fraudulently taken and detained from any Man, by Oppression or Deceit, his Goods or Money; for without Restitution there can be no Repentance; and if no Repentance, no Expectation of Salva-

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6. Advise him also to set his House in Order, for Death will not be long in coming, and that the Covenant of the Grace is not revealed to any: And to make a judicious Distribution of his Estate, not forgetting the Poor.

## The Sick Saith,

1. I believe in God the Father Al-

mighty, &c.

2. I am fully perswaded, and undoubtedly in my Conscience believe, and do confess and acknowledge before God and you here present, that every Point and Article of this my Belief is

true, and necessary to Salvation.

3. I acknowledge that I have been a grievous Sinner, offending my God many ways, both in Thought, Word, and Deed, and am guilty of the Breach of all his Commandments; deferving for the same his heavy Wrath and Indignation against me; I am forrowful and mourn in my Soul for them, trusting that the Lord, for Jesus Christ his sake who sitteth at the right Hand of God making Intercession for my Sin,

will have Mercy upon me, and grant me Forgiveness for the same, and after this Life ended, receive me to his eternal Habitation.

4. I confidently believe that Jesus Christ is the only Mediator and Saviour of all Mankind, and that I shall be saved by the only Merits of his precious Death and Passion, which he suffered on the Cross for my Salvation; denying all meritorious Works of my own, and that there is no Name under Heaven whereby I may be saved, but in the Name of Jesus Christ.

5. I do from my Heart freely forgive all the World, all those that have any way wronged, injured, or offended me by Word or Deed, as I desire to be forgiven by God. And I desire likewise, all Men whom I have often offended, by committing any unjust, unconscionable, or uncharitable Act or Deed, to forgive me, being sorry for what I did to their Prejudice or

Hurt.

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O Lord my Redeemer, have Mercy upon me, and receive my Spirit.

A Prayer to be said by those that visit, the Sick.

Most mighty and eternal God, which haft Compassion on all Men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, mercifully we befeech thee to have Compassion on this thy Servant, who by thy Visitation hath been forely afflicted, and by the same even brought. to the conclusion of his Days, and End of his Life: Be pleased good Lord to have Mercy upon him, accept of him as the Work of thine own Hand, a Lamb of thy Fold, thy Servant, redeemed by Jesus Christ, who is willing by thy Appointment to leave this miserable World, in full Assurance of thy Mercy in Jesus Christ, for the Remission of his Sins: Guide him good, Lord, in this his last Journey, that he, being

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being quit of all Troubles of this transitory World, may safely by thy Power be conducted to the Haven of eternal Happiness, into the Arms of thy unspeakable Mercy, to everlasting Peace, to perpetual Joy, and there to reign with all the Company of Saints and Angels in eternal Bliss for evermore.

Good Lord we befeech thee, by the Abundance of thy Goodness, by the Multitude of thy Mercies, by the Merits of thy Death and Passion, by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, have Mercy upon him: Deliver him from the Burthen of his Sins, the Fear of Death, and the Power of Hell; and give him a quiet and joyful Departure, and receive him graciously to the Fulness of Joy in thine everlasting Kingdom, to reign with thee World without End. Amen.

# Thanksgiving after Recovery.

O Lord my God and heavenly Father, seeing it hath pleased thee of thine infinite Mercies to with-hold my Life from the Pit of Corruption,

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and thou haft in good measure restored me again to my former Health, crowning me with Mercy and Loving-kindness, my Soul and all that is within me shall praise thy holy Name: I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole Heart, and fing Praise unto thy Name, O thou most High, for the Health of my Body, I bless thee for it with my Soul. And, good Lord, I befeech thee give me also the Health of my Soul, then fhall I magnifie and praise thee for thy Goodness, with Soul and Body. This gentle Correction hath brought me nigher unto thee, and upon thy forbearance I have promised Amendment of Life; and that I may so do, affift me with thy Grace, give me Constancy and Perseverance in good Works, and keep me from relapfing into those Sins which induced thy former Judgements. And though the Custom of Sin take away the Sense of Sin, and my many Infirmities; yet, good Lord, forfake not my Soul in any Temptation, neither suffer me to fall into such notorious Sins again, which I have truly repented

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repented me of; but so guide me by thy Grace in the small Remainder of my Days that I have to live in this World, that my Life may be ordered by thy Governance, and I may always do that which is righteous in thy Sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### PSALM CXVI.

I. I Am well pleased that the Lord hath heard the voice of my Prayer.

2. That he hath inclined his Ear, unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3. The snares of death compassed me round about: and the pains of Hell.

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4. I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I shall call upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I bese chihee deliver my soul.

5. Gracious is the Lord and righte-

ous: yea, our God is merciful.

6. The Lord preserves the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

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7. Turn again then unto thy rest, O my Soul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

8. And why, thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9. I will walk before the Lord in

the Land of the living.

10. I believed, and therefore will I fpeak, but I was fore troubled: I faid in my haft, all men are liers.

11.W hat reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath

done unto me?

12. I will receive the cup of falvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

13. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: right dear in the fight of the Lord is the death of his faints.

14. Behold (O Lord) how that I am thy fervant, I am thy fervant, and the son of thy handmaid, thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

fice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the name of the Lord. 16. I

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16. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the fight of all his people: in the Courts of the Lords house, even in the midst of thee O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

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# MORNING PRAYER

# Private Family.

God the Father, Creator, and Maker of all Things in Heaven and Earth; O Christ, the Redeemer of all Mankind; and thou (O blessed Spirit) the Sanctisser of all the Elect, have Mercy upon us; spare us most miserable Sinners, whom thou hast redeemed, and be not Angry with us for ever; but hearken unto our Prayers, receive our Petitions, and grant our Requests, for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Lord, and blessed Saviour.

We thy poor and unworthy Servants, in all Humility of Souland Body, and unfeigned

unfeigned Acknowledgement of our bounden Duty, prostrate our selves before the Throne of thy Mercy Seat, praising and magnifying thy fatherly Goodness, for the Abundance of thy Bleffings, for the Multitude of thy Mercies continually heaped upon us; befeeching thee for Christ his fake to be merciful to all our Sins committed aagainst thy Divine Majesty; upon the Confideration of which, we confess we are not worthy to appear in thy Sight, much less to ask a Blessing at thy Hands; for by reason of our corrupt Nature in us derived from our first Parents, our Inclination hath been prone to commit all manner of Sin and Wickedness against thy Goodness; thy Laws and Precepts we have broken both in Thought, Word, and Deed; out of our Hearts proceed evil and wicked Imaginations, which defile the Soul, and the whole Man is altogether abominable; the Eyes that now look up to thee for Mercy, have beheld Vanity; our Tongues that now call upon thee, have blasphemed thee; our Hands now lift-

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ed up to Heaven, have been lifted up against thee; our Feet have been willing to run to commitany Mischief by the Temptation of Satan; our Wills being continually averse to thy Commandments; the Law of Sin is in our Members, repugnant to the Law of our Mind, making us altogether unworthy of the least of thy Mercies; and miserable that we are, the numberless Number of our Sins have been multiplyed as the Number of our finful Days have increased; these Things, O Lord, we have done to our Shame, and if thy Mercy prevent not Judgement, to our utter Destruction of Soul and Body; we must acknowledge thou who art our Creator, who hast made us, by the precious Death of Jesus Christ redeemed us, and by thy holy Spirit sanctified us; and many are the Bleffings and Benefits which we enjoy both in Soul and Body; therefore by the Contrition of our Hearts, by the Testimony of our Consciences, we stand convicted, and at the horrid Thought of our Sins we are mightily aftonished, what shall we say, or wherein shall we open our Mouths, who shall deliver us from the Mifery due to us for our Transgressions? Nothing can be expected in this Life but Misery and Confusion, and in the World to come eternal Condemnation. But yet, O Lord, in Obedience of thy Command, and in confident Assurance of thy endless and unspeakable Mercy promised in Jesus Christ to all Sinners, with Sorrow in our Hearts, with Shame in our Face, in Humility of Spirit, we appeal from thee, to thee; from thee a just Judge, to thee a merciful Father; from the Throne of thy Justice, to the Seat of thy Mercy; befeeching thee to have Mercy upon us, O Lord, to have Mercy upon us, and turn thy Face away from all our Sins, and blot out all our Transgressions; for the only meritorious Death and Passion of Jefus Christ thy innocent Lamb, who fo abundantly shed his Blood on the Cross to take away the Sins of the World; accept we intreat thee, that ineftimable Price of his Suffering, for a full a full Ransom for all our Sins; remit them unto us, and divert thy Judgements and Punishments from us, and assure us of thy Love and Favour in Christ; and, for the time to come, work in us, by the Graces of thy Holy Spirit, true and unseigned Repentance, and Faith, with Strength against Sin, and Grace in some better measure to do thy Will: Resorm our Assertions, translate us from the Bondage of Sin into the glorious Liberty of thy own Children, to live in Newness of Life, in holy Conversation, and continual Obedience to thy divine Majesty.

Obedience to thy divine Majesty.

And seeing, O Lord, it hath pleased thee of thy Goodness to deliver us from the Power of Darkness, and all Dangers of the Night past, affording us quiet and comfortable Rest, bringing us safe to the Beginning of this Day: May our Souls and all that is within us bless and magnify thy holy Name; defiring continually to render unto thee all possible Praise and Thanksgiving for the Incarnation of our blessed Saviour; for our Redemption by his Passion, for

our Creation, Election, Justification, and Sanctification in some good measure, and affured Hope of Glorification in the World to come. We likewise bless thee for our Lives, Health, Liberty, Peace and Prosperity; for our Prefervation, and Deliverance from Evil, fince we were born; for the Freedom of thy Gospel; for the Comfort we enjoy under His Majesty's happy Reign; for all the Deliverances at any time wrought for our Church and Kingdom; for sparing and giving us fo long a Time of Repentance: For these, thy Bleffings and Benefits, our Souls shall praise the Lord of Heaven, whose Mercy endureth from Generation to Generation.

Bless and defend us (O Lord) this Day; direct and protect us in the fame; prosper our going out and coming in; let thy Spirit guide us in all our Actions, and deliver us from the Temptation and Malice of the Devil, and keep us both in Soul and Body from all his Devices, and let thy Grace preserve and guide us in all our Ways, that we may walk circumspectly, and

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strive to avoid all Occasions of committing or running into any Sins, and more especially those which by Nature we are apt to fall into. Set a Watch before the door of our Lips. that we may not offend thy Majesty by Lying, Slandering, Oaths, Blasphemies, or any kind of Evil-speaking. Keep us, we beseech thee, from violent Passions, which provoke thy Wrath and Indignation against us; and guide our Feet in the way of Peace, which leads us to everlasting Salvation. Let the Dew of thy Bleffing descend upon our Labours, and prosper thou the Work of our Hands. O prosper thou our handywork; make us diligent and dutiful in our 'Calling; and that we may have a good Conscience in all our Dealings, not any way to defraud any Man, knowing one day we must give an Account for all our Words and Deeds. And good Lord, we befeech thee fo to bless our Endeavours, that we may raise a Competency and convenient Sufficiency, void of wretched Care, for the Support of our Lives, in a modest and civil civil manner; and especially give us Hearts and Minds contented with what thou shalt be pleased to lay upon us, Strength and Patience in all Afflictions and Temptations, Troubles, and Adversities, which seal thy Salvation. Give us Meekness and Humility in Prosperity, and Constancy in well-doing; and for the small Remainder of our Lives that we have to live here on Earth, give us Grace to confecrate it to thy Service, and live in thy Fear, not fetting our Hearts on transitory things, but carefully labouring to redeem the Time; not deferring our. Repentance, but endeavouring to make our calling and election fure, working out our Salvation in Fear and Trembling, before we go hence and be no more feen: And grant us, O Lord, that when the Race and Course of our natural Life here on Earth is finished, we may at the last receive a Crown of Righteousness, which thou from the Beginning hast laid up for them that fear thy Name.

In these our Prayers, we further intreat thee, O Lord, for a Blessing up-

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on thy Church univerfal. More especially we befeech thee to continue the Peace and Prosperity of these Churches wherein we live, and every Member thereof; more especially, ever mightily protect and defend from all Evil and Danger, and bless, with the chiefest of thy Bleffings, his Majesty, and all the Royal Family: Bless the Lords and others of his Majesty's Privy-Council, the Reverend Clergy, and "Civil Magistrates: Bless our Friends, and Kindred and Acquaintance: Bless us all, good Lord, from the highest to the lowest: help and comfort allour Brethren that in this transitory Life be in Trouble, Sorrow, Need, Sickness, or any other Adverfity: Comfort the comfortless, help the distressed, and defend all that travel by Land or Water; and work in all and every one of us, true Fear of thy Holy Name, and constant Resolution to ferve thee to our Lives End.

Good Lord hear, Lord hearken unto us we befeech thee, and accept of this our Morning Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving; hear our Prayers, and grant grant our Petitions that we have asked, and all other Blessings, which thou, in thy infinite Wisdom, knowest most necessary for us, and thy whole Church. This we crave at thy merciful Hands, in the Name, and through the Mediation of thy dear Son, our blessed Redeemer, our only Lord and blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, in that most excellent Form of Prayer, which he in his holy Gospel hath taught us; saying,

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come, &c.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all for evermore. Amen.

An Evening Prayer for a Private FAMILY.

O Eternal God and Heavenly Father, which hast made of one Blood all Mankind, and breathed into us the Breath of Life, and assigned the Time and Length of our Life in this World, which thou continuest according to thy good Pleasure; and if thou withdrawest thy Hand, we foon perish, and are turned to Dust, whence we were taken. Prepare our Hearts we befeech thee to shew forth thy Power in the Evening, and magnify thy Goodness for saving us this Day from Dangers, and from our Birth, in the whole Course of our Lives, hitherto preserving us; for thou art a God of Patience, Pity, and much Forgiveness; shewing Mercy unto thoufands, and blotting out all our Offences. O Lord, we pray thee fet not before thine Eyes the horrible Confusion, Uncleanness, and Wickedness of our Hearts, replenished with loathsome Darkness, of Ignorance, Errors, Doubtings, and Diftrust. We confess, O Lord, with Shame and Confusion of Face, that our vile Hearts have been turned away from thee, and all the Powers of our Souls and Bodies are filthily defiled and weakened with Wickedness. Wherefore we cry aloud unto thee, favourably to consider the Troubles and Sorrows

rows of our Hearts; to strengthen our Infirmities, and to pardon our most horrible Offences: For we are wounded and weak, and cannot be holpen but only through thy exceeding great Mercy. There is no Health in our Flesh, because of thy Displeasure; neither is there any Peace or Rest in our Souls, by reason of our Sin. Yet hear thou us (O Lord) for thyHoly Name-fake, for Jesus Christ his sake, pardon and forgive us all our Sins that we have committed against thee this Day; and grant us thy Grace, that we may amend our Lives, and unfeignedly serve thee in the several Duties of our Callings, to thy Glory, and the Comfort of our own Sculs. Remit our Punishments; restore us to thy wonted Favour, and receive us into thy most gracious Protection: And keep us this Night and evermore, that the Devil may have no Power over us; nor any Sin and Wickedness may be able to hurt us, Whether we sleep or wake, live or die, we are always thine; thou art our Creator and Redeemer.

deemer. Guard us on every side with the Armies of thy holy Angels. Expel and remove far all wicked Spirits (our mortal Enemies) and graciously protect us from our Persecutors, which lay Snares to Subdue us. Do thou (O God) affift us, that we may peaceably fleep and rest in thee; hide us in thy Tabernacle from the Strife of ill Men, and we will fear no Evil, for thou that keepest us, dost neither flumber nor fleep; thy Rod and thy Staff do always comfort and defend Let thy Mercy (O God) prevent and follow us all the Days of our Lives, that we may dwell in thy House of Defence in Length of Days, praising thee evermore, Father, Son, and Holy Ghoft, one true, gracious, and everlasting God, ruling and reigning World without End.

Our Father which art in Heaven, ballowed, &c.

Lighten our Darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great Mercy defend us from all Perils and Dangers of this Night, for the Love of thy only P 2 Son, 310 Evening Prayer.

Son, our Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST.

Let thy mighty Hand and out-stretched Arm, O Lord, be still our Defence; thy Mercy and Loving-kindness in Jesus Christ thy dear Son, our Salvation; thy true and holy Word our Instruction; thy Grace and Holy Spirit our Comfort and Consolation, to the End, and in the End. Amen.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

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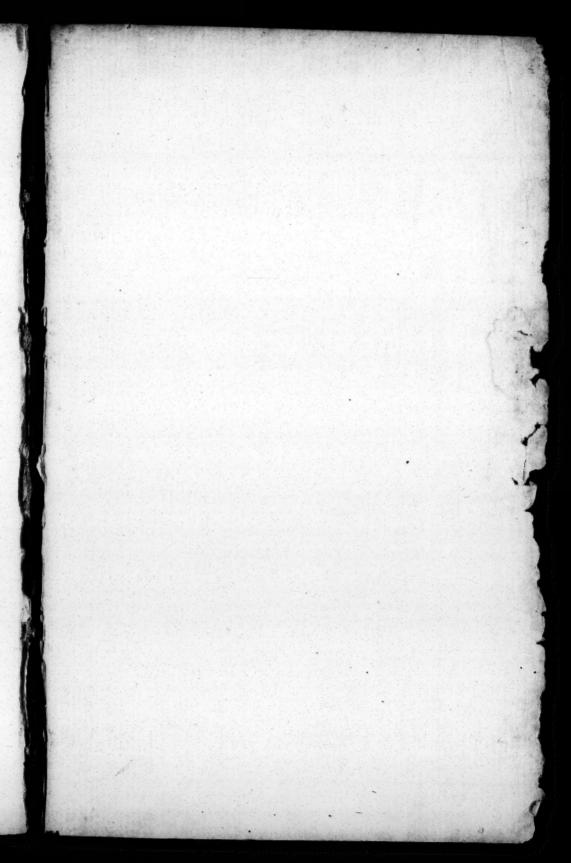
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